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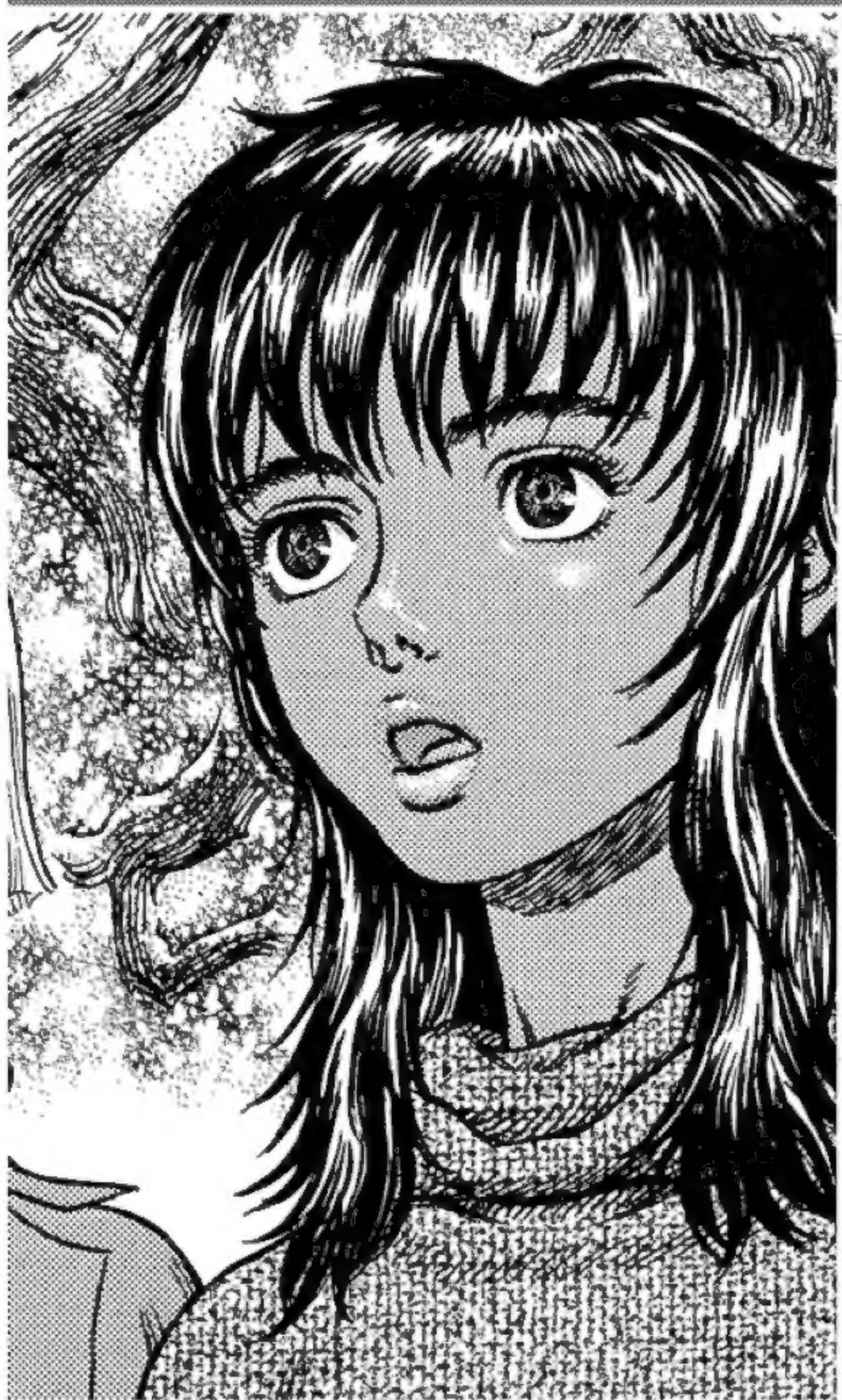
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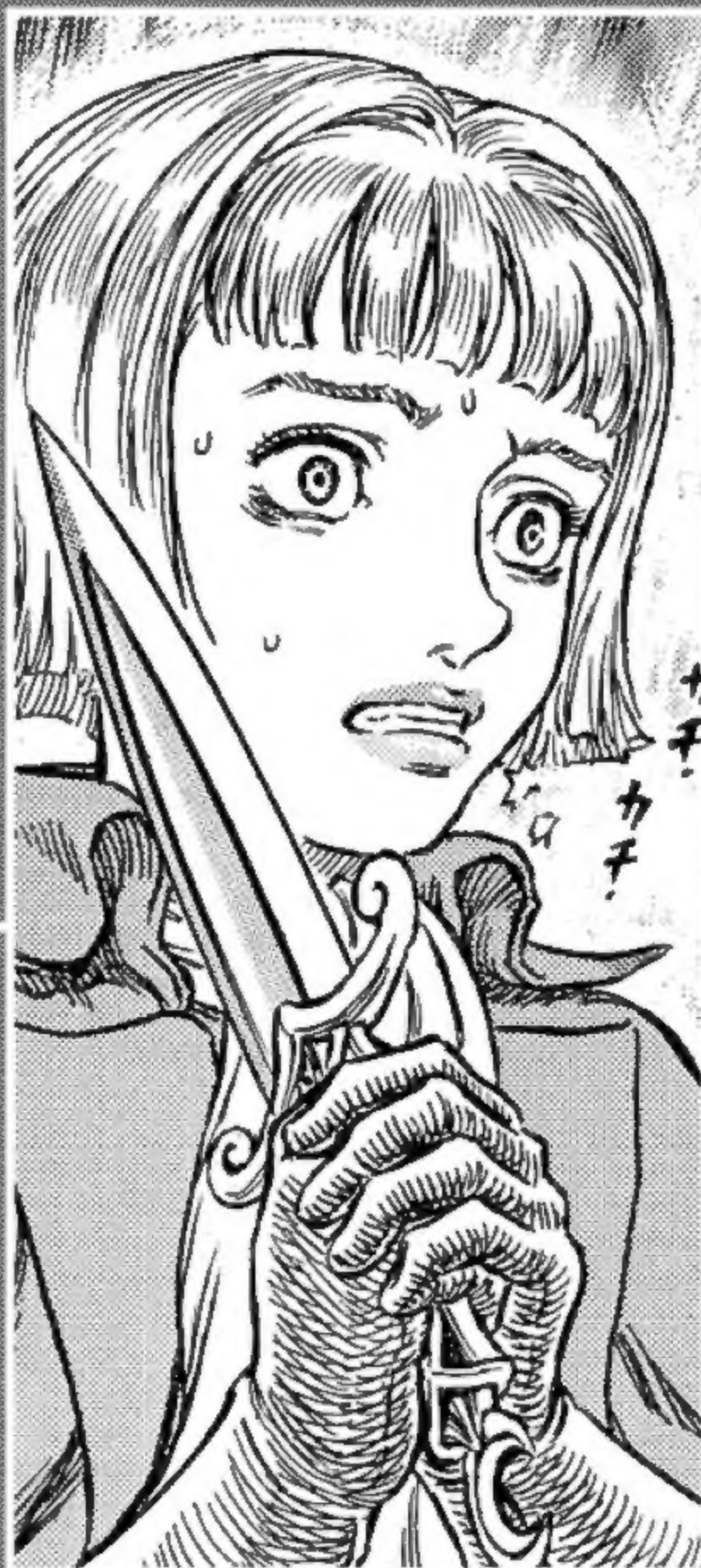


三浦建太郎



キャスカ Casca

Former unit commander of the Band of the Hawk—mentally regressed from her experience in the Eclipse. She now neither speaks nor conveys any feelings. Her Brand, which reacts to evil, is thinly shielded by Flora's talisman.



ファルネーゼ Farnese

Former commander of the Holy See's Holy Iron Chain Knights and daughter of the Vandimion family, one of influential status and wealth in the religious sphere. She seeks to learn from Guts her own means of survival and about the reality of the world.



ガッツ Guts

The Black Swordsman. He exists in the Interstice and wears the Berserker Armor, his soul constantly torn between protecting Casca and challenging Griffith. That struggle is nothing short of sublime.



イシドロ Isidro

Dreams of being the "ultimate swordsman," but his actual talent, not up to snuff, repeatedly endangers him. Nevertheless, the boy endeavors toward his dream. He is currently equipped with a fetish granted the protection of fire elementals.



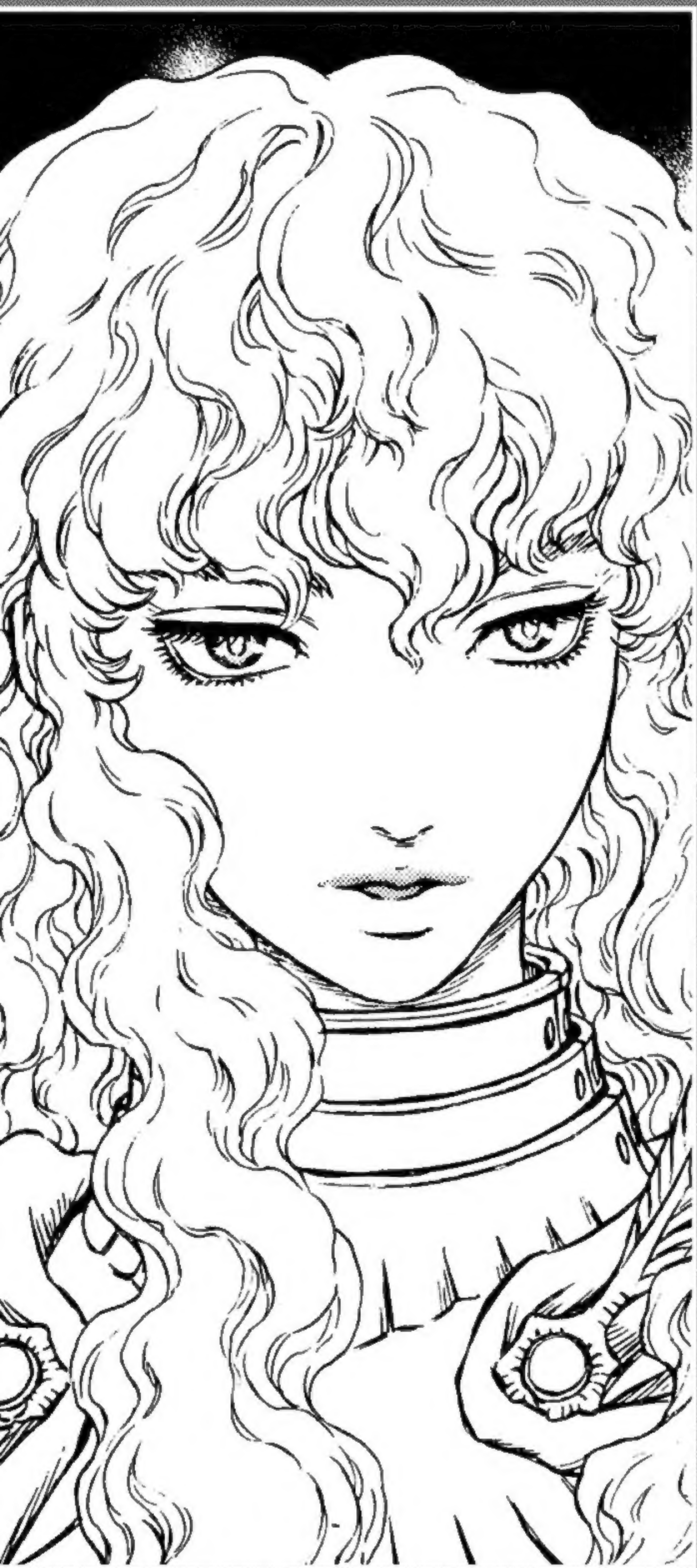
パック Puck

An elf who's long been with Guts on his journeys. His dust has the power to heal wounds. Also, he recently confirmed that he's a wind spirit, one of the four types of elementals. He also changes into "chestnut Puck."



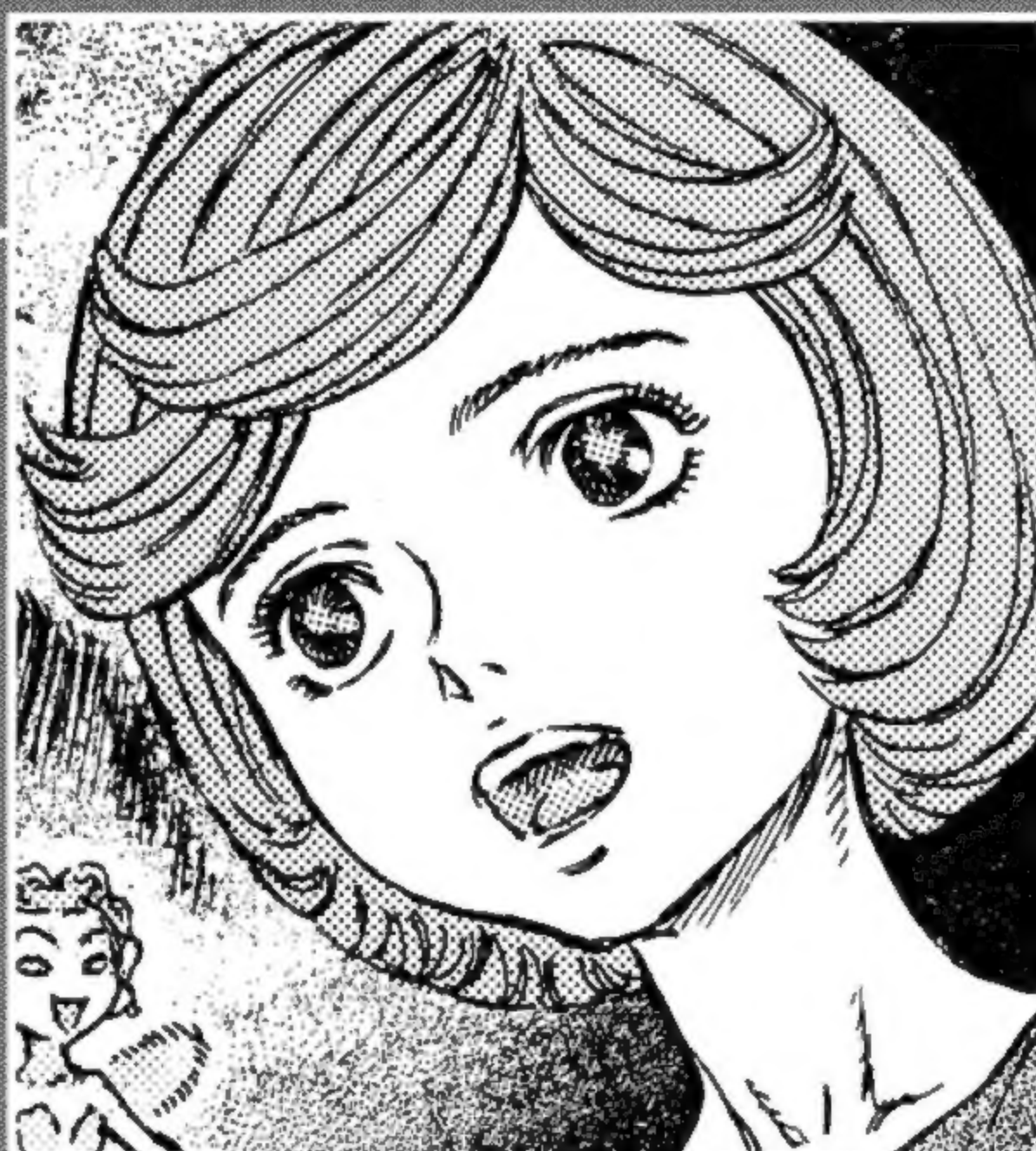
セルピコ Serpico

Attendant of Farnese, and actually her brother; however, Farnese is not aware of the blood relationship. He is skilled in fighting and is currently clad in a fetish granted the protection of wind elementals.



シールケ Schierke

Disciple of Flora, witch of the Spirit Tree mansion. Schierke supports Guts and the others through her use of magic; however, among her spells are some beyond her mastery, which occasionally place her in great peril as she tries to aid her allies. She has a stilted side to her personality.



グリフィス Griffith

Through the Eclipse of the Crimson Behelit, Griffith was reborn as Femto of the Godhand. Later he was incarnated in the imitation Eclipse catalyzed by the egg-shaped apostle, thus returning to the physical world, in which he became the "absolute," without equal. He leads the reborn Band of the Hawk.



ロデリック Roderick

A naval ship captain and third in line to the royal throne of Ith, a maritime power within the domain of the Holy See. He is a friend of Farnese's brother, and has become Farnese's fiancé.

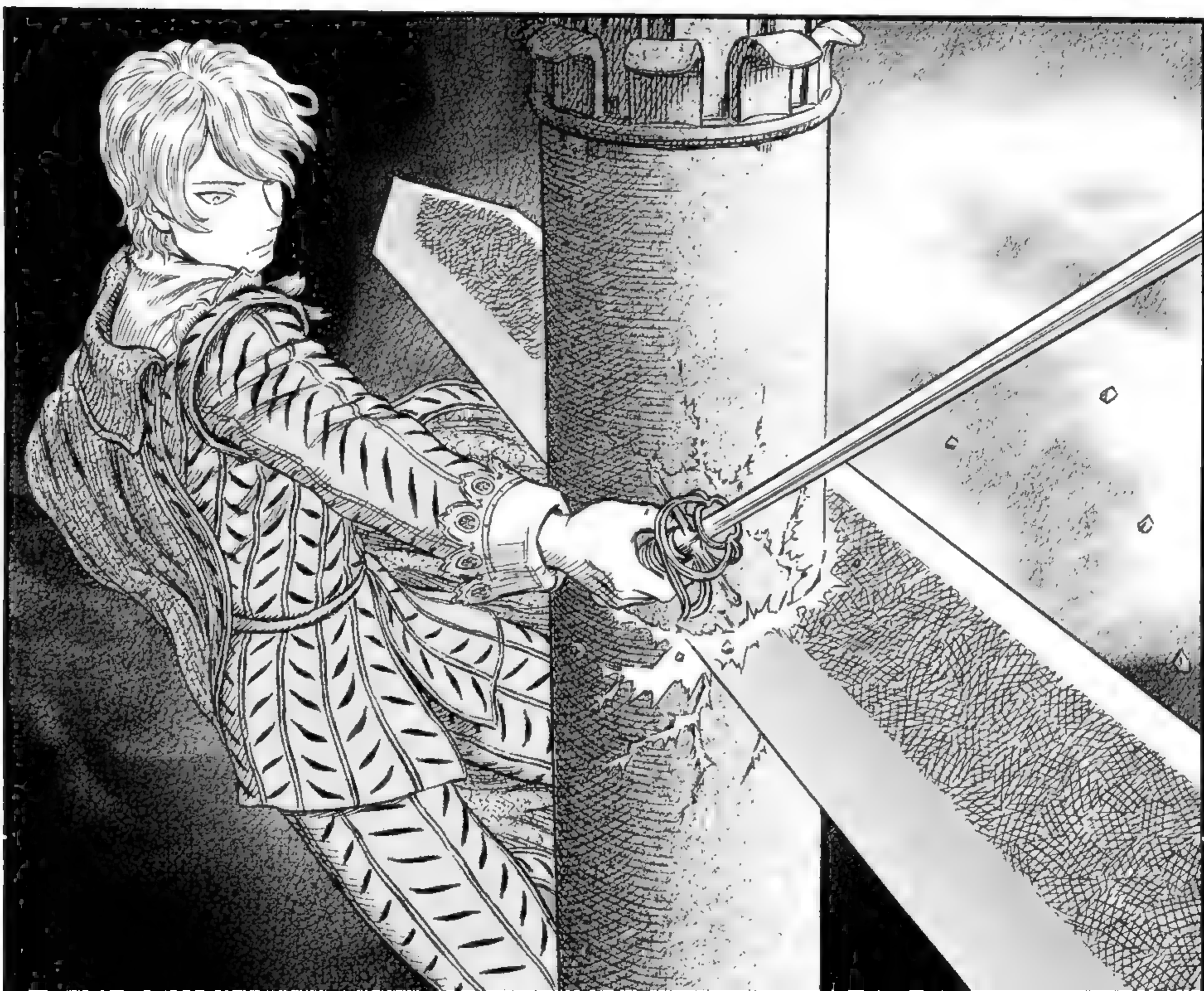
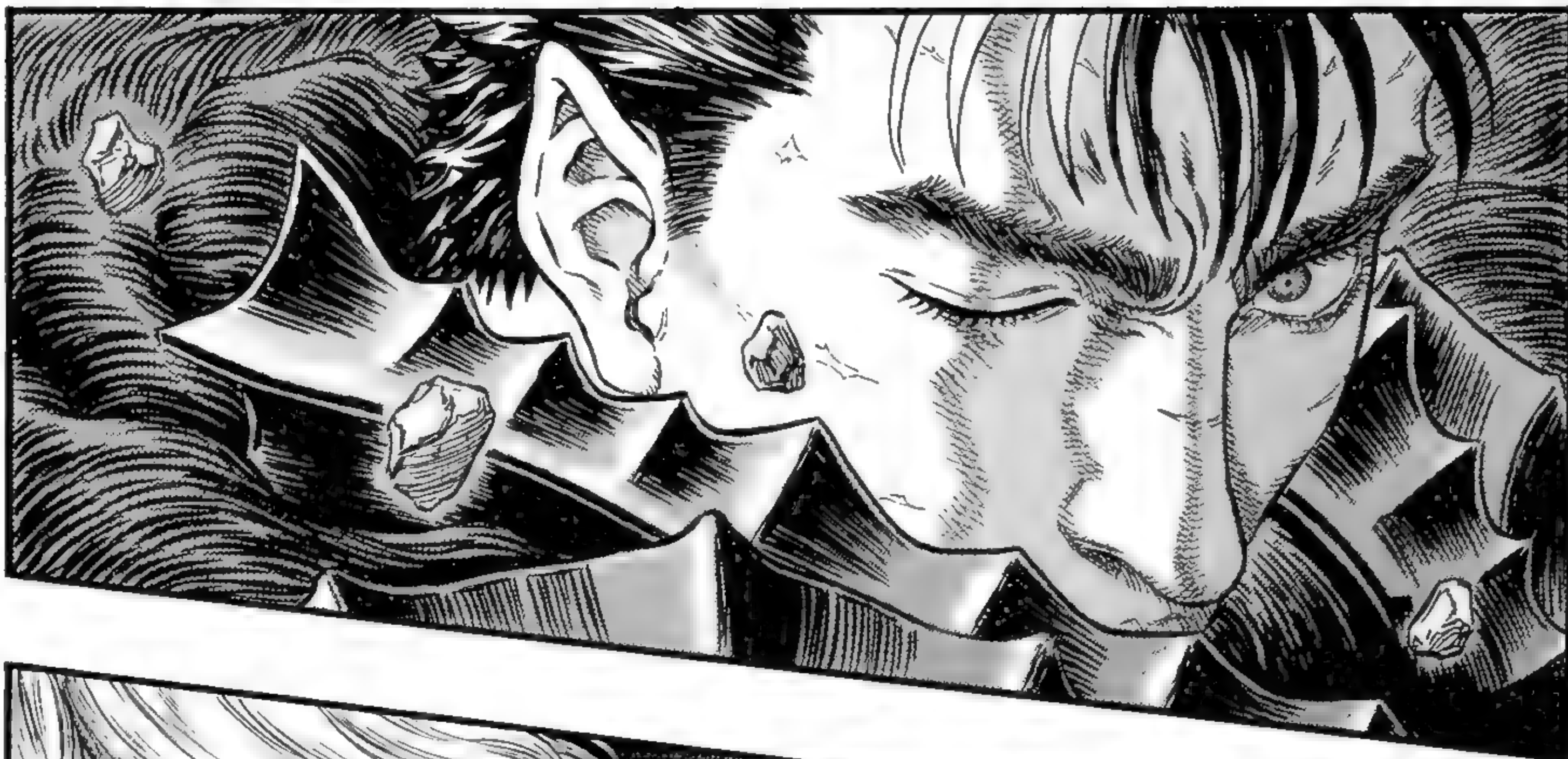


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決闘 DUEL











THAT'S
CHEAP!
NO... I
GUESS IT'S
STRATEGY.

HE'S
USIN' THE
PILLARS
SO GLTS
CAN'T
SWING HIS
SWORD...

D-DAMN,
SERPICO CAN
DO THAT GOOD
AGAINST GLTS
WITHOUT THE
MAGIC HOOD...



A GOOD
PUPIL
WOULD HE
MAKE.

NOT
BAD,
FOR A
MAID.



YOUR SWORD'S
DESTRUCTIVE
POWER PLACES
IT BEYOND THE
CLASSIFICATION
OF MOST SWORDS.
IT COULD EVEN
SPLIT ROCK IN
TWO.



...AND ITS
EXTRAORDINARY
POWER IS ONLY
EXHIBITED WHEN
THE TIP REACHES
SUFFICIENT SPEED.

BUT IT
IS STILL A
SWORD,
AFTER ALL...



...YOUR SWORD
IS IMPEDED BY
THE PILLARS
BEFORE IT CAN
REACH SUCH
VELOCITY.

NO MATTER
HOW YOU
WIELD IT IN
HERE...



TO SAY
NOTHING OF
YOUR STILL-
WOUNDED
BODY...

*FX: KRANNNC

*LUNGE

*FX: CLANNNG



*WHONK



AND MY
THIN SWORD
CANNOT
PIERCE THAT
ARMOR.

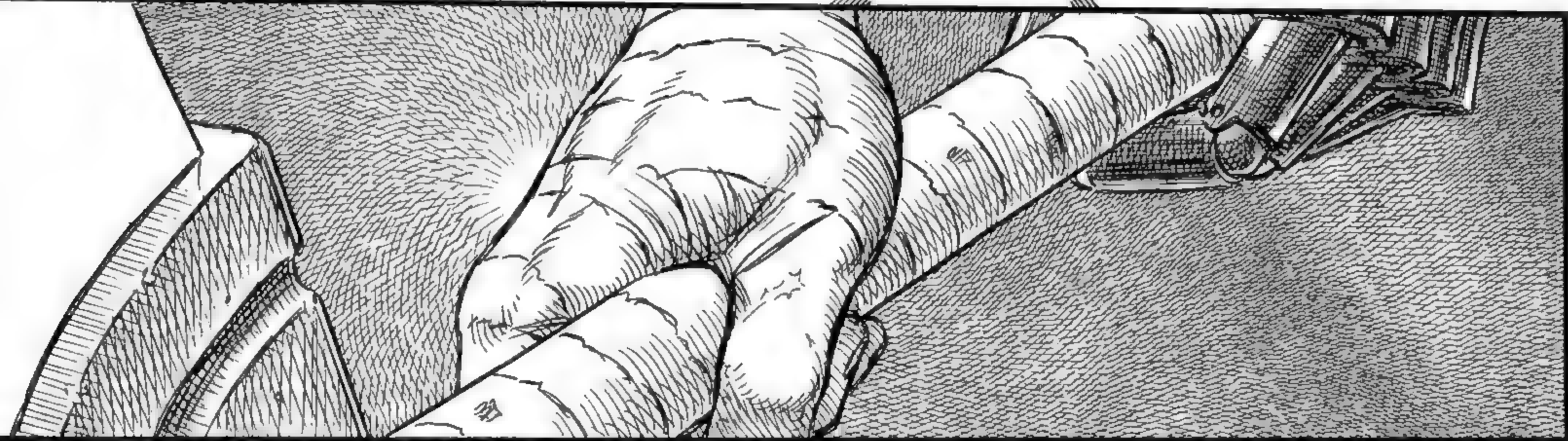
THE
PLACES
I CAN
TARGET
ARE
LIMITED.



EVEN SO,
YOU CAN
SMASH THROUGH
MULTIPLE
REINFORCED
STONE
PILLARS.



I CANNOT
EVADE SUCH
A THREAT
FOREVER.



HERE
COMES HIS
THRUST, AS
I ANTICIPATED.
THAT IS HIS
ONLY OPTION
HERE!

IF
I CAN
JUST
EVADE
THIS...



HERE!





*GYANNG



KH...!

*ZHFAAA



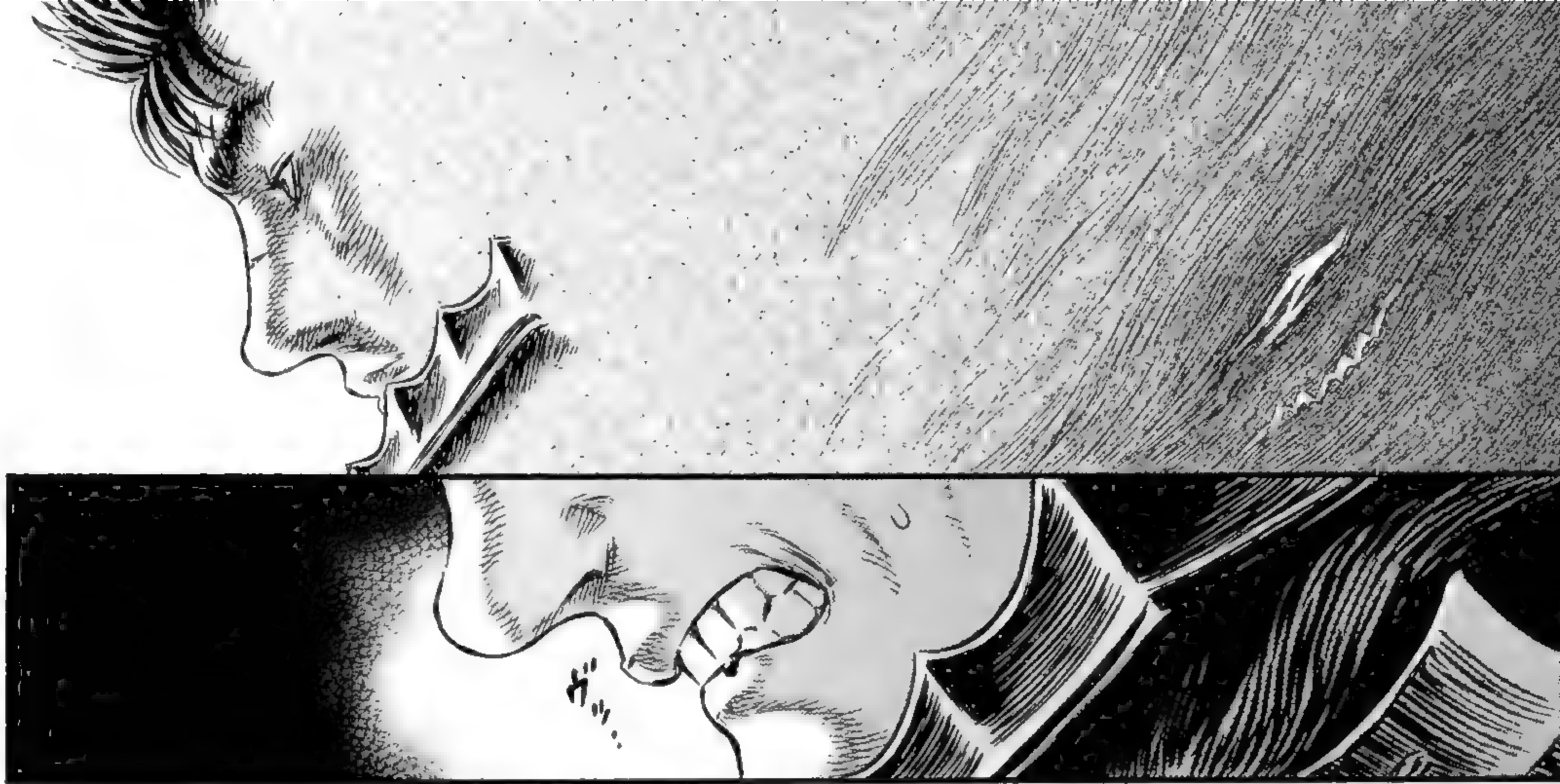
HE
SWITCHED
HIS
GRIP...!

HE
READ
ME!

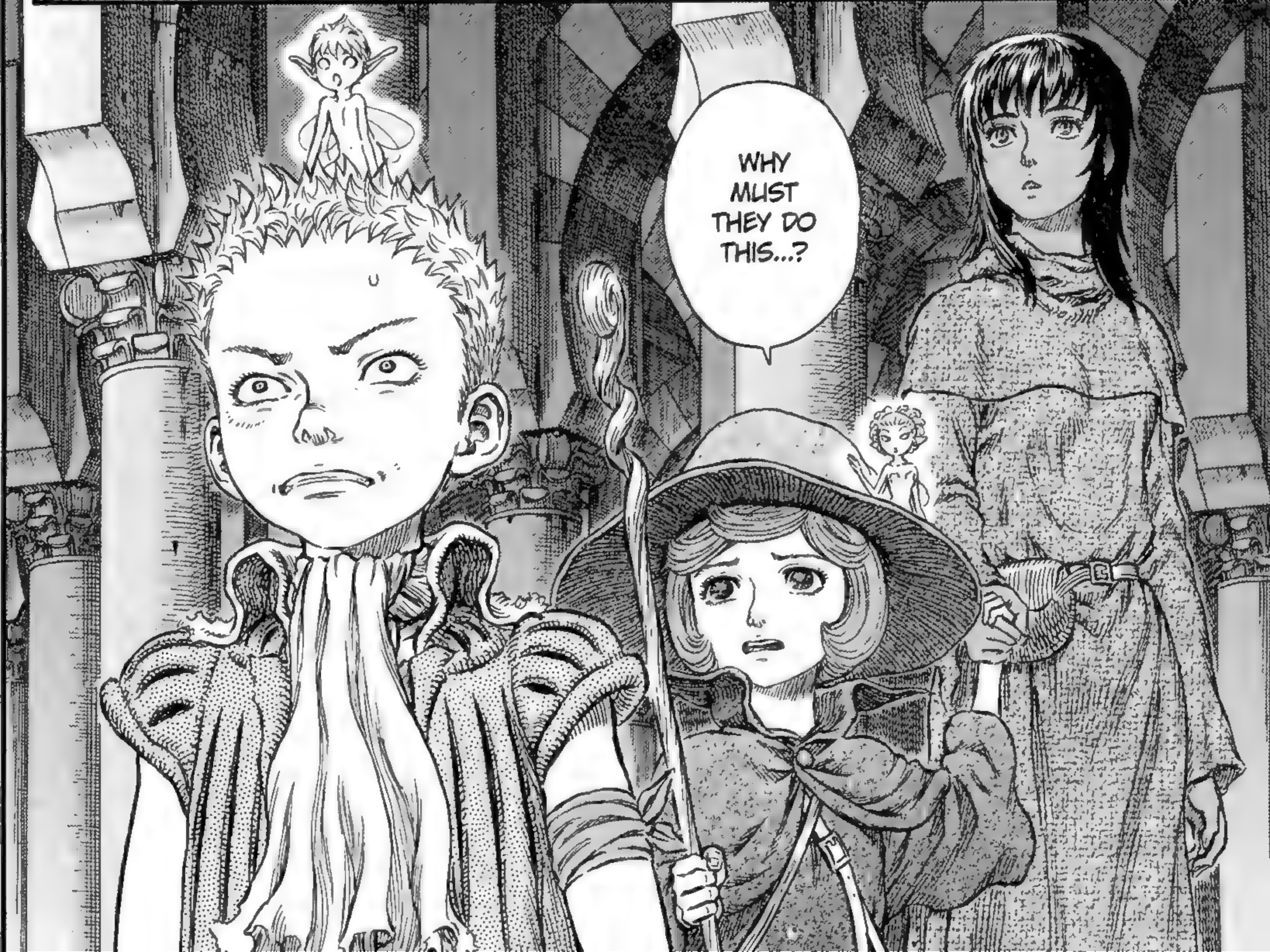


.....!!

*SPRING



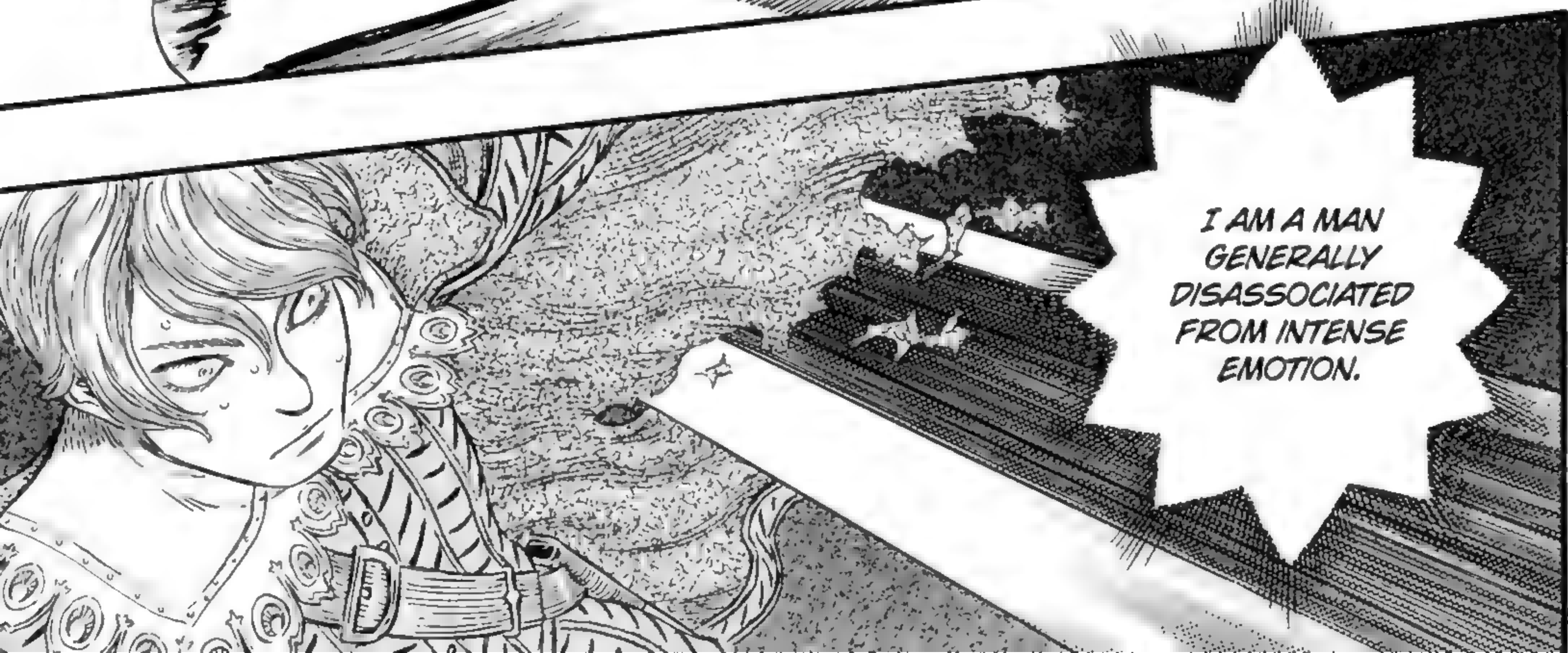
*FX. VH





UNBELIEVABLY
SO.

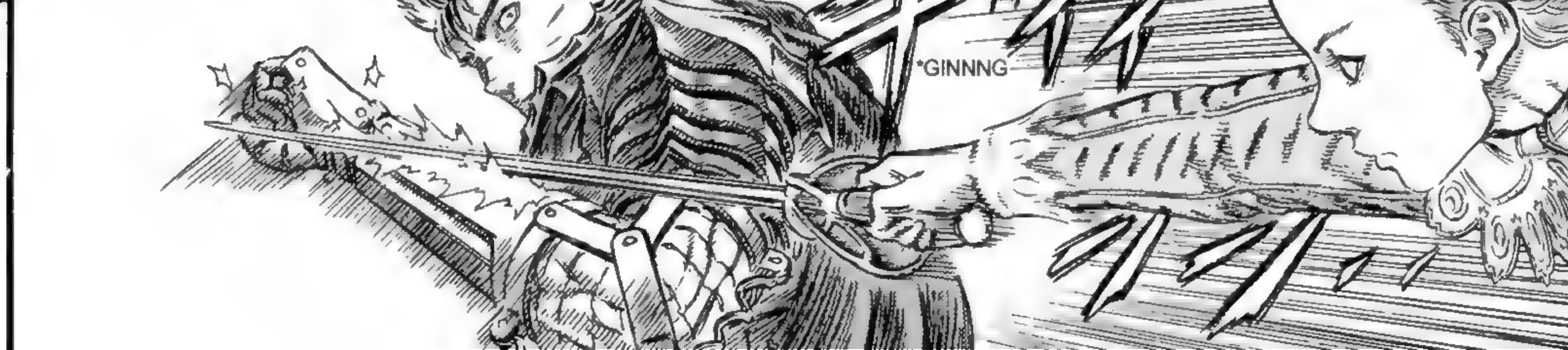
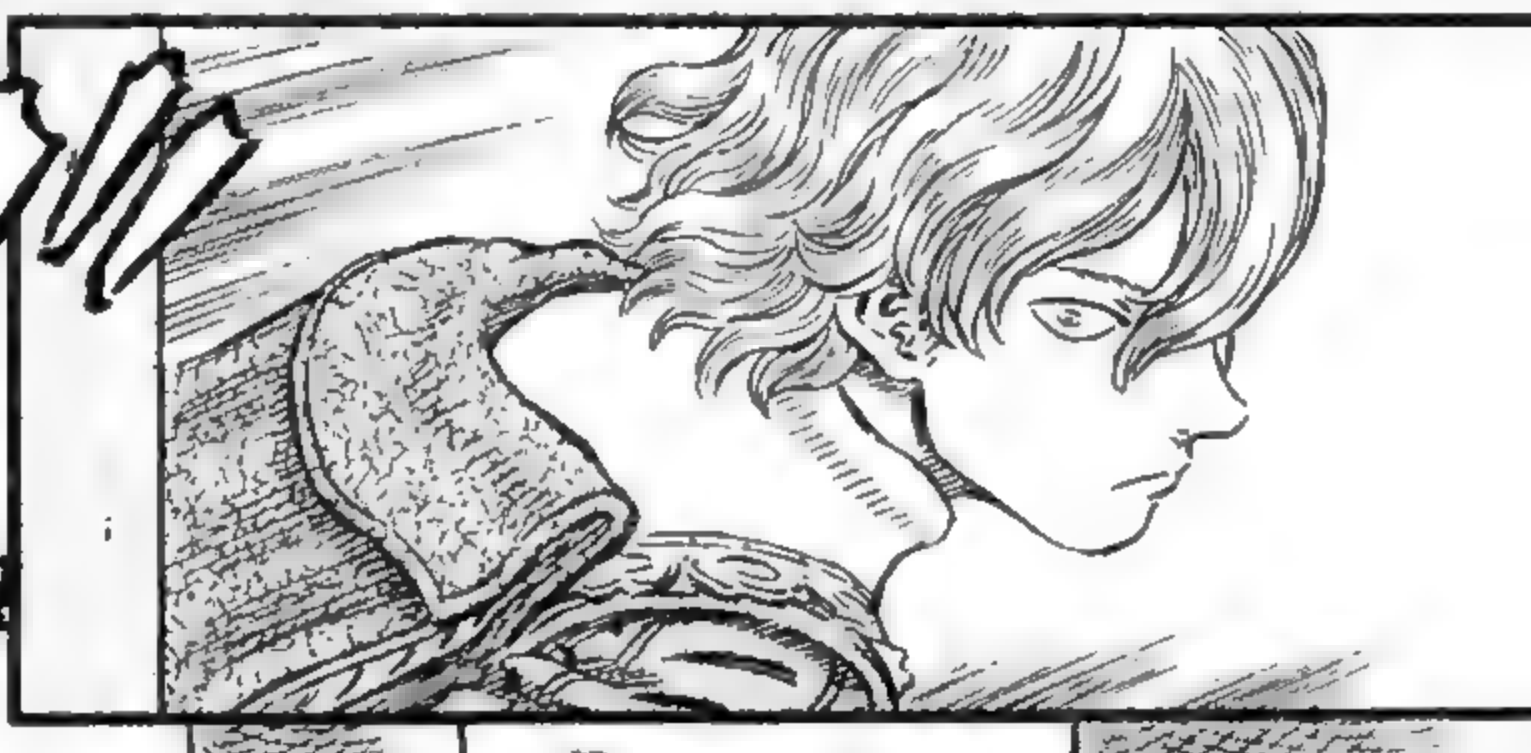
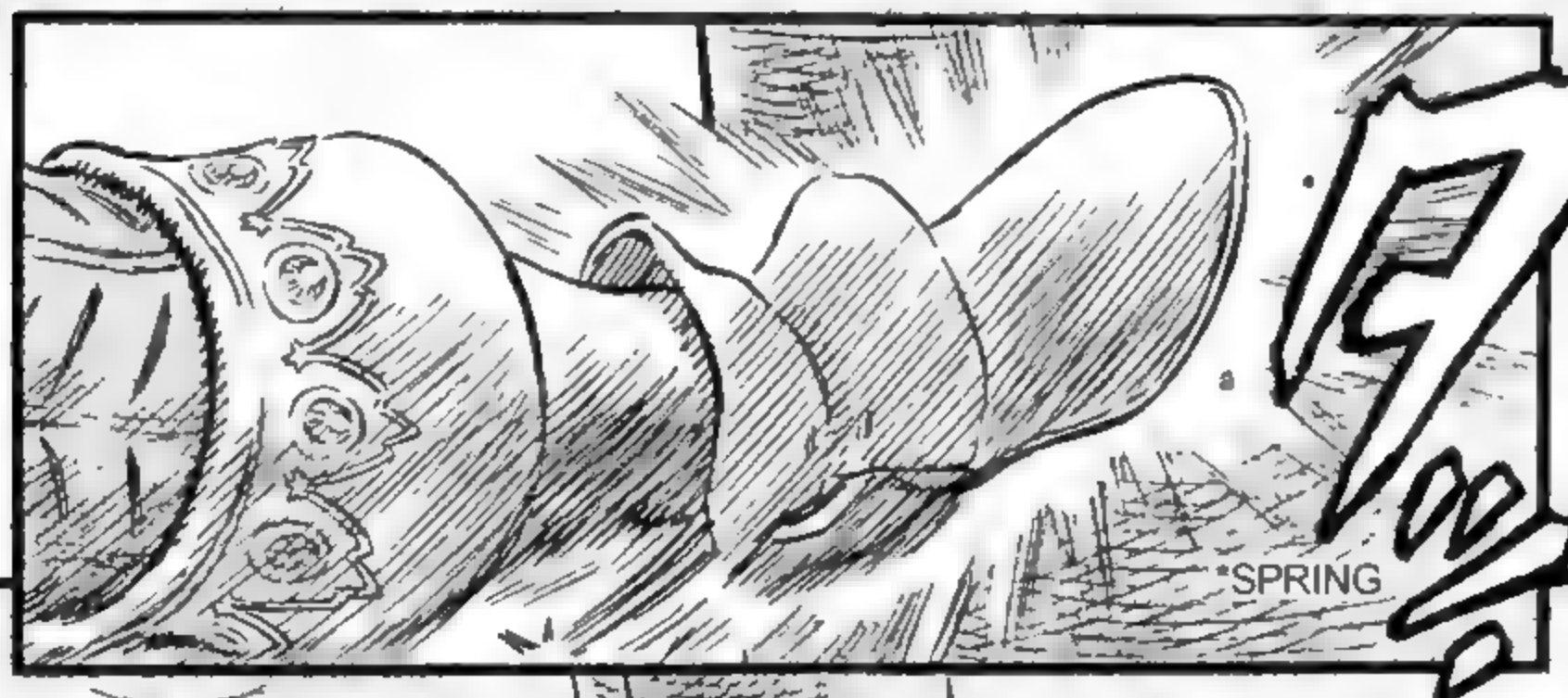
HE
TRULY IS
STRONG.




EVEN IN
SITUATIONS THAT
SEEMED MORE
OR LESS
UNREASONABLE,
MY MIND WAS
AT REST.




I ADAPT TO MY
CIRCUMSTANCES
AND FILL THE
ROLE I AM
GIVEN. THAT IS
MY STYLE.





PERHAPS
MY MIND
WAS MERELY
BENUMBED.

ADAPT...
NO.



YOU CLASH
HEAD-ON WITH
YOUR OWN DESTINY.
COMPARED TO MY
COOLED DEMEANOR,
THAT IS A LIFE
SIMILAR TO BEING
SCORCHED BY
HELLFIRE ITSELF.

WHILE I
ARRAYED MYSELF
IN FEIGNED
IGNORANCE,
PERHAPS BEFORE
I KNEW IT,
I TOO WAS
AFFECTED BY
THAT HEAT.



BUT AS I
ENCOUN-
TERED YOU
AND SHARED
IN YOUR
JOURNEY...



...IT WOULD
SEEM THAT NOT
ONLY LADY
FARNESE, BUT I
TOO CHANGED
CONSIDERABLY.

...A MAN
IMPOSSIBLE
TO IGNORE.

YOU
ARE
CER-
TAINLY

...

I FELT
INEFFECTUAL,
YET HAPPY THAT
LADY FARNESE
WAS BEING
CHANGED BY
YOU.





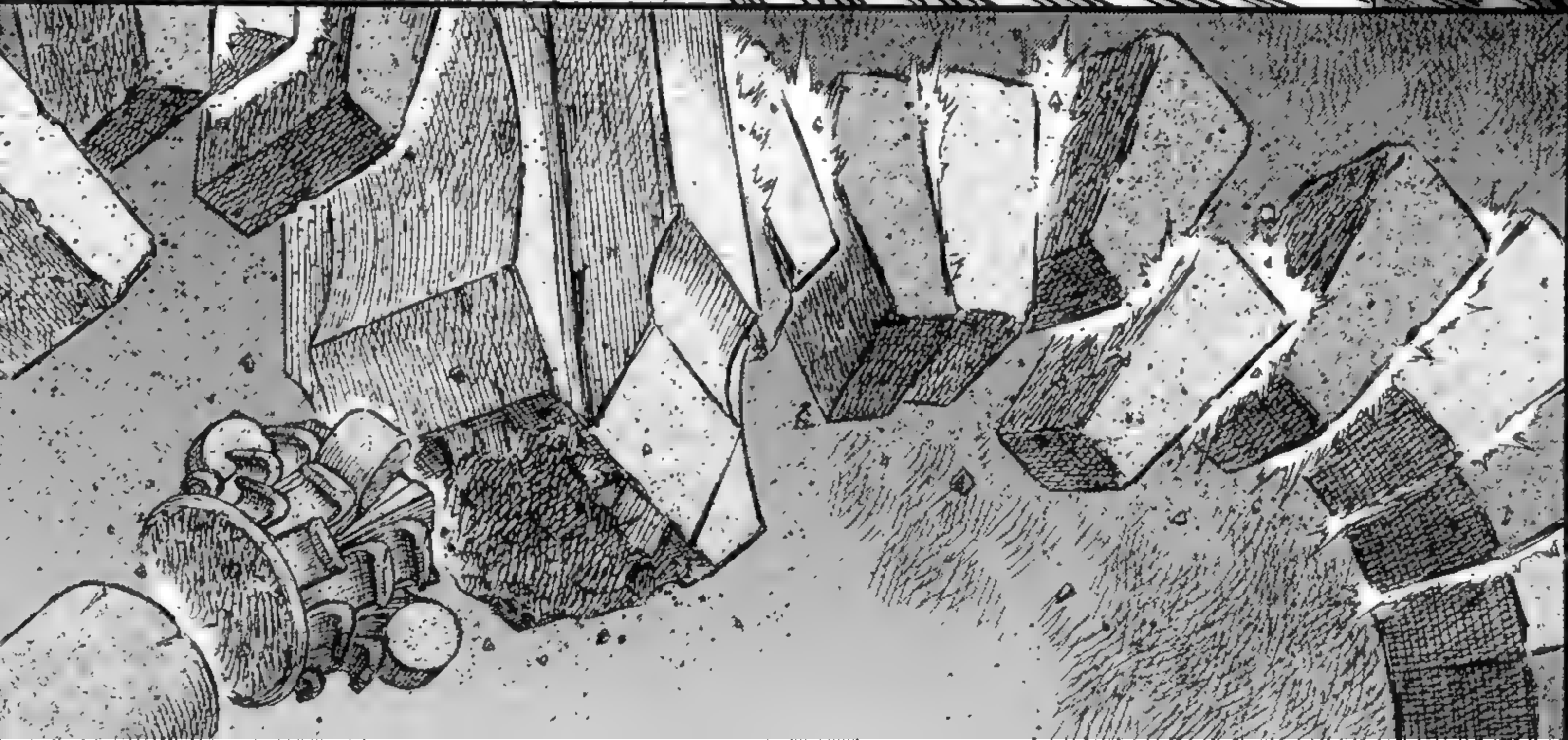
...I'LL
NEVER
ALLOW
IT.

AND
THAT'S
WHY...



I WON'T
ALLOW
THAT TO
HAPPEN...!!







BRRMMBL

I
WAS...



ZHA

...WAITING
FOR THIS!!

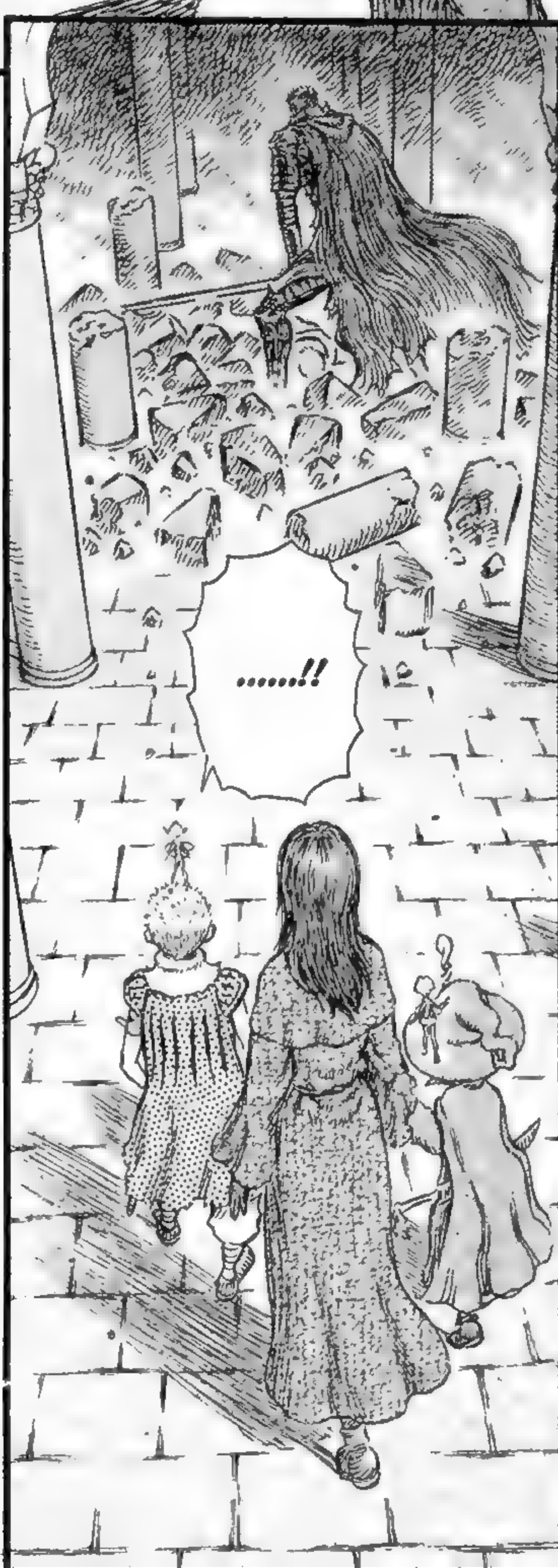
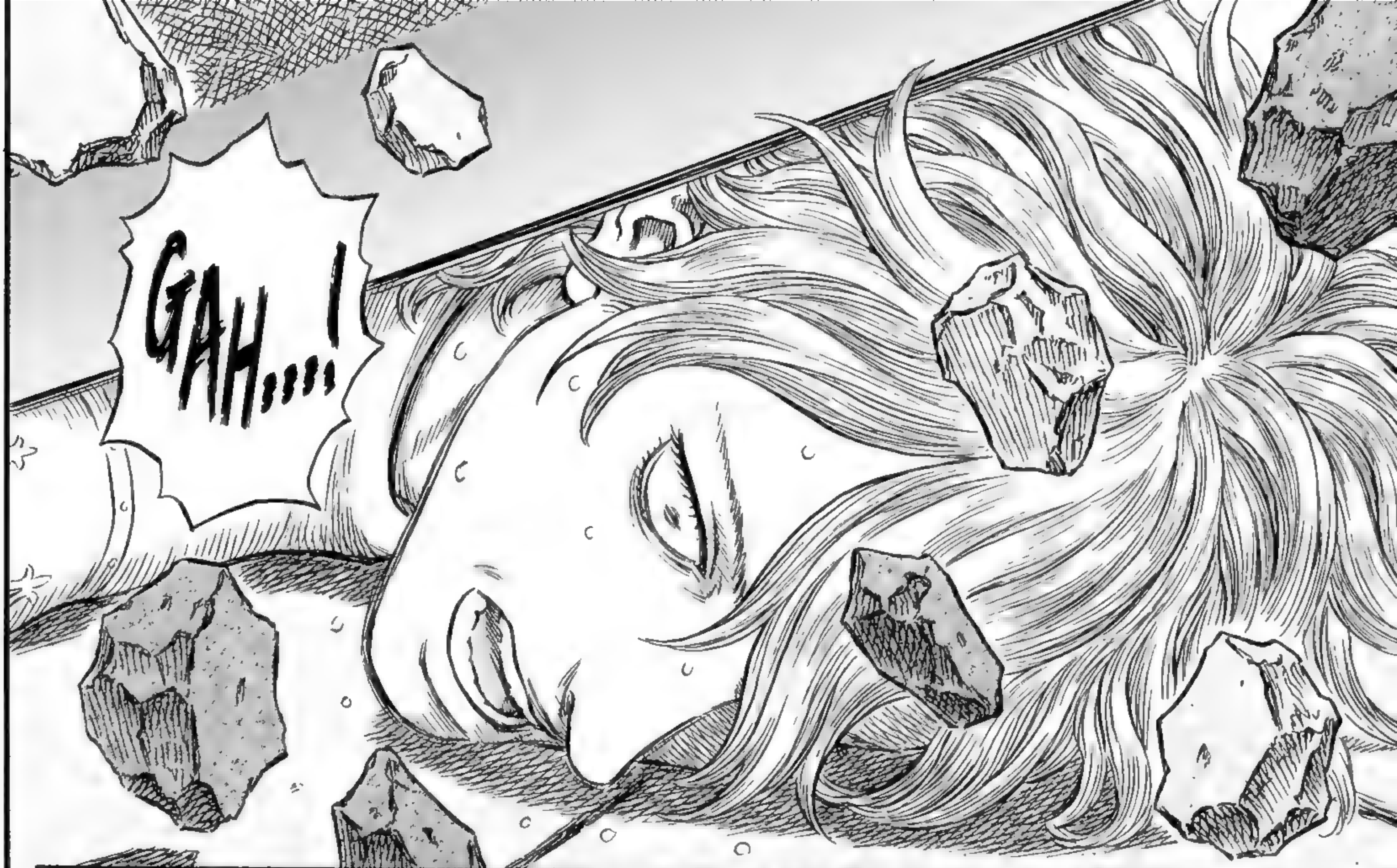






教團の宗主
SUZERAIN OF THE
RELIGIOUS DOMAIN







SERPICO
...!

H...
HE
ALIVE?



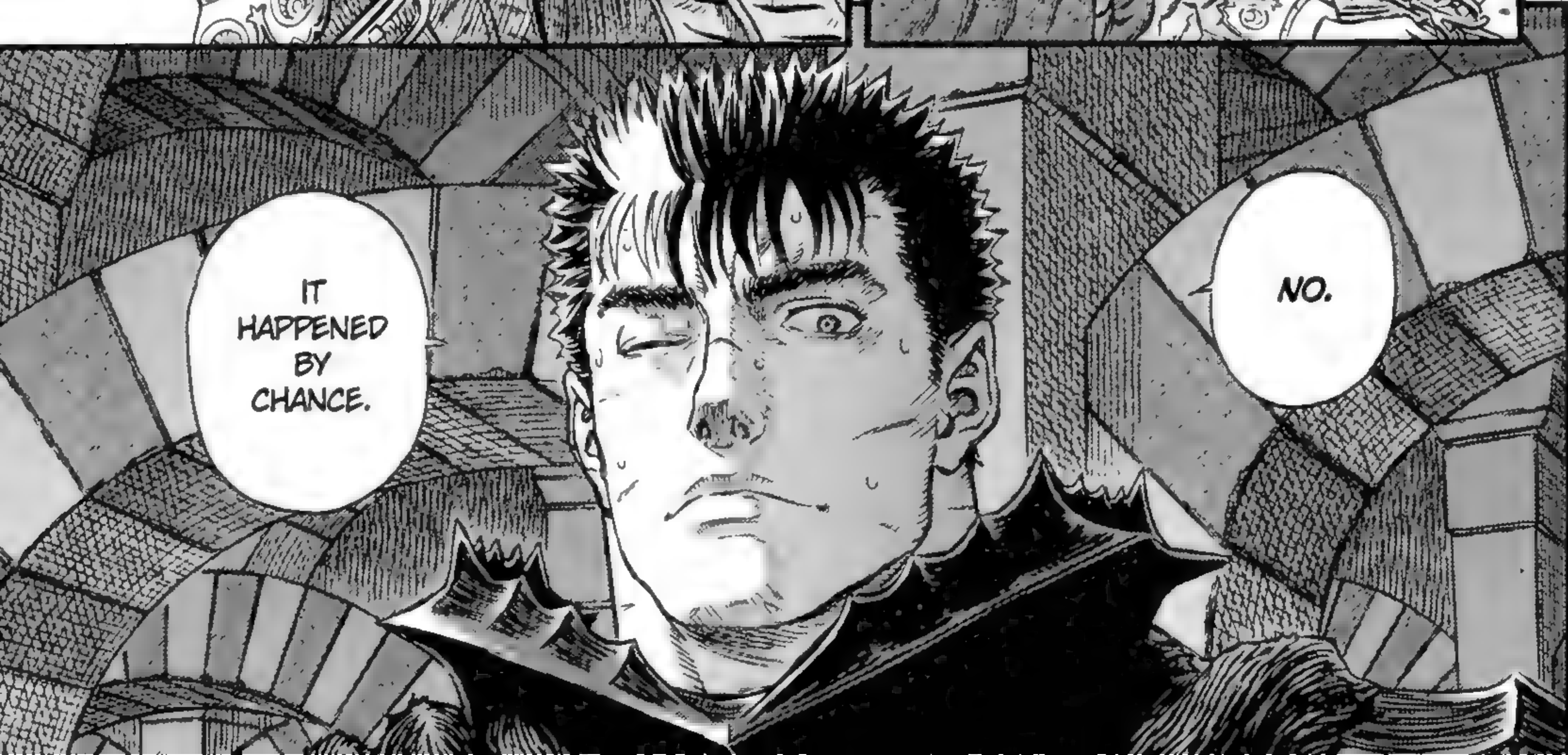
DID YOU
READ MY
INTENT?

I NEVER
THOUGHT
YOU
WOULD
UTILIZE
THE
CRUM-
BLING
PILLAR
...



-KHK-

OH,
HE'S
ALIVE.



IT
HAPPENED
BY
CHANCE.

NO.



YOU HAD TO
GO AND
MAKE MY JOB
HARDER.

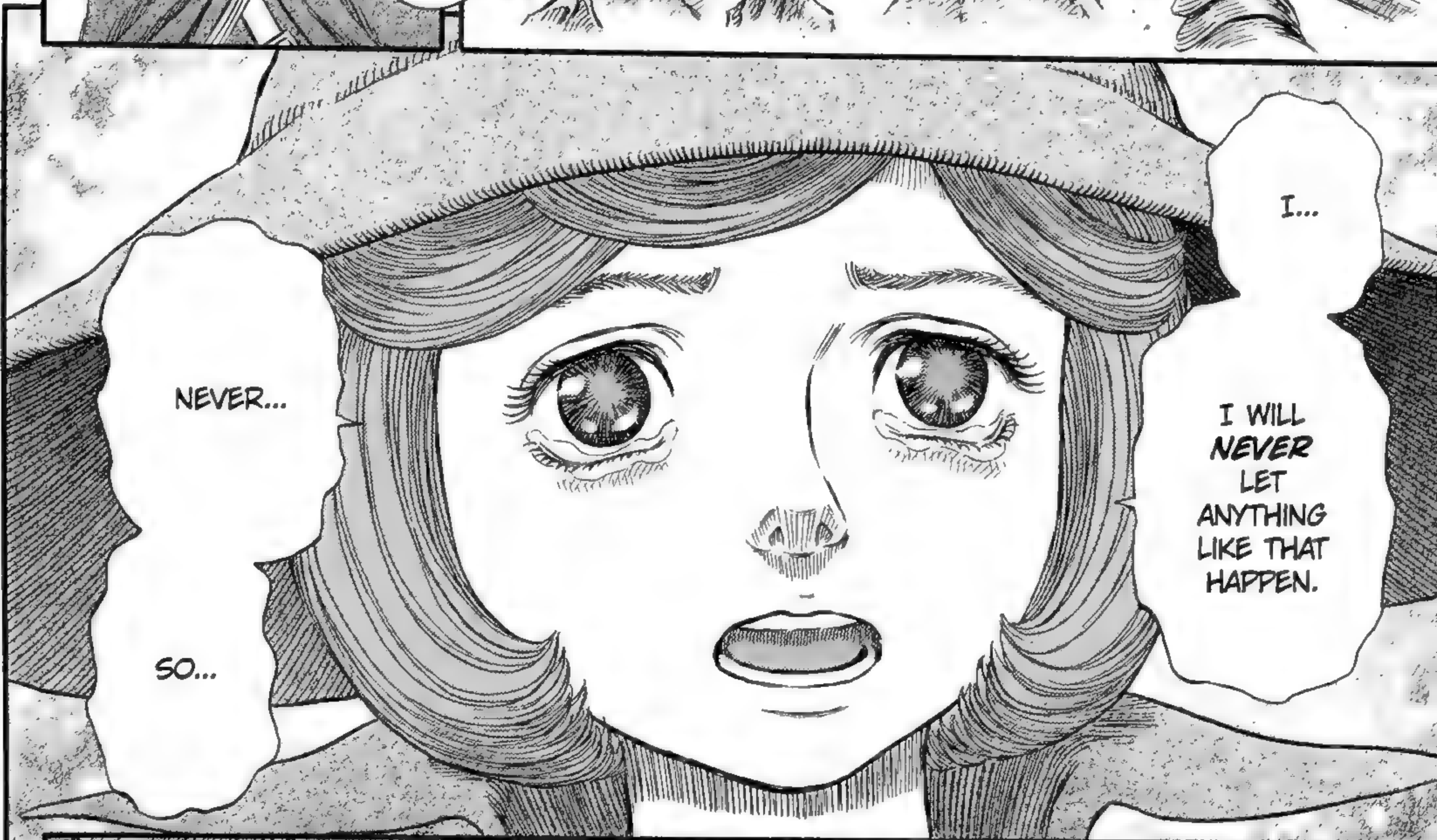
SERPICO
...



.....
NOW,
LET ME
TAKE A
LOOK.

THEN,
ONCE AGAIN,
WITH YOU
AND YOUR
REFLEXES...

HEAD'S
BLEEDIN'.



NEVER...

SO...

I...

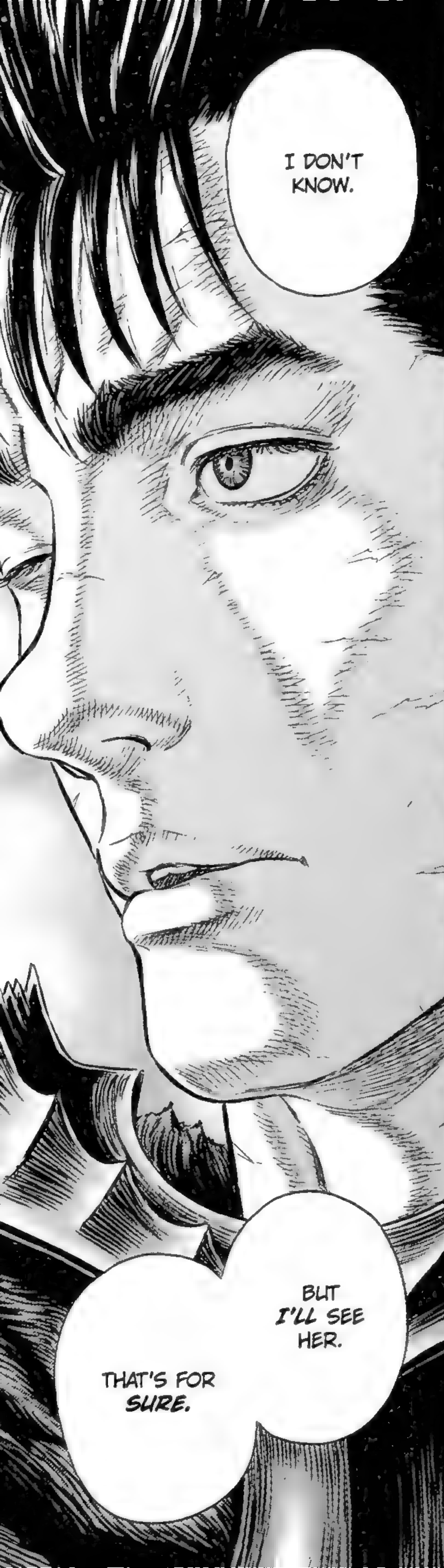
I WILL
NEVER
LET
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT
HAPPEN.



HEY!
WHAT'S
WRONG,
SCHIERKE
?!

Y'MADE
HER CRY.

?



I DON'T
KNOW.



.....



GLITS,
WHEN
YOU SEE
FARNESE...

...THEN...

...WHAT
DO YOU
INTEND
TO DO?

THAT'S FOR
SURE.

BUT
I'LL SEE
HER.





...FIGHTIN'
FOR
REAL?

WERE
YOU
TWO...



YEAH.



gulp

.....



ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

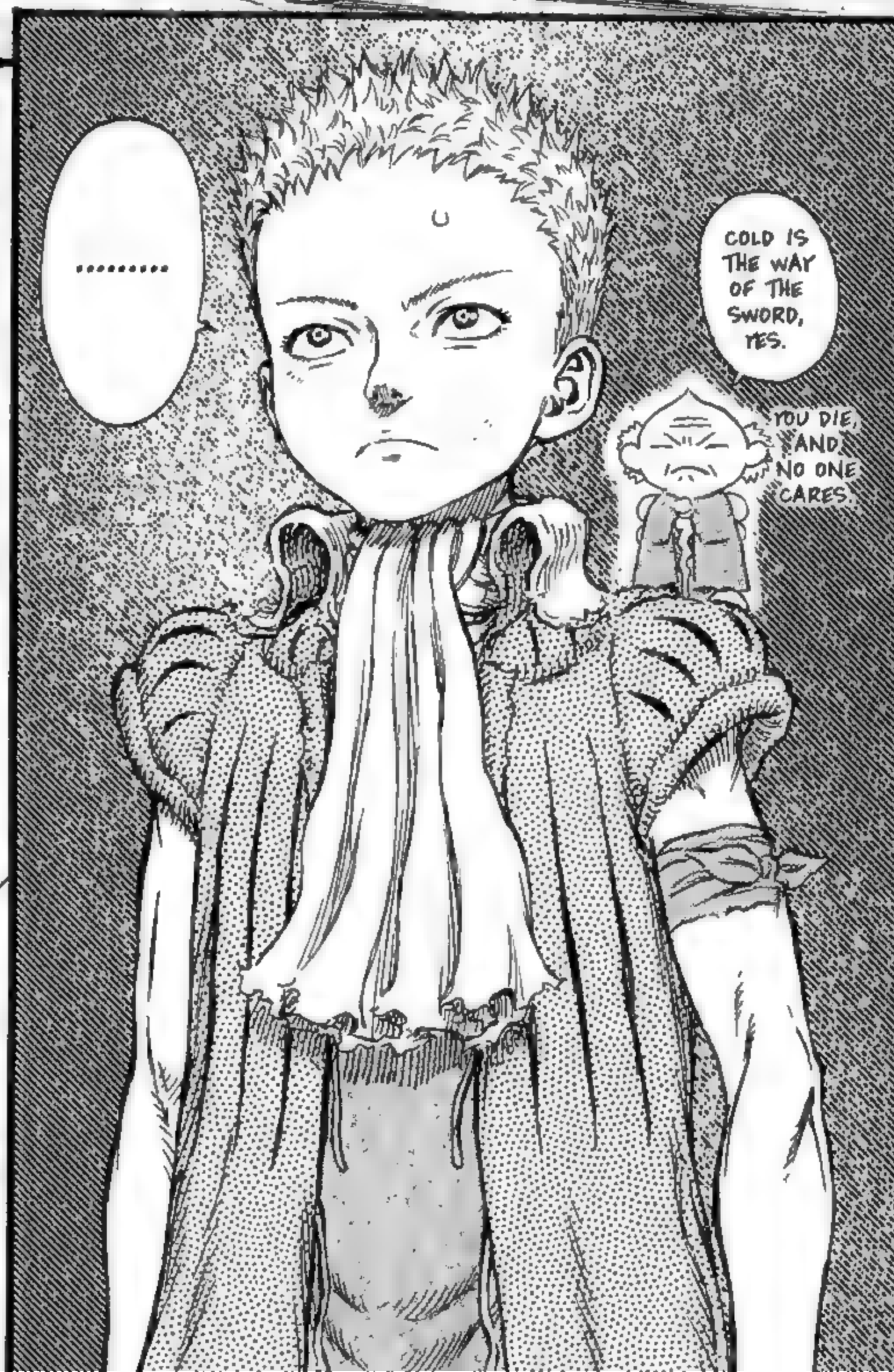
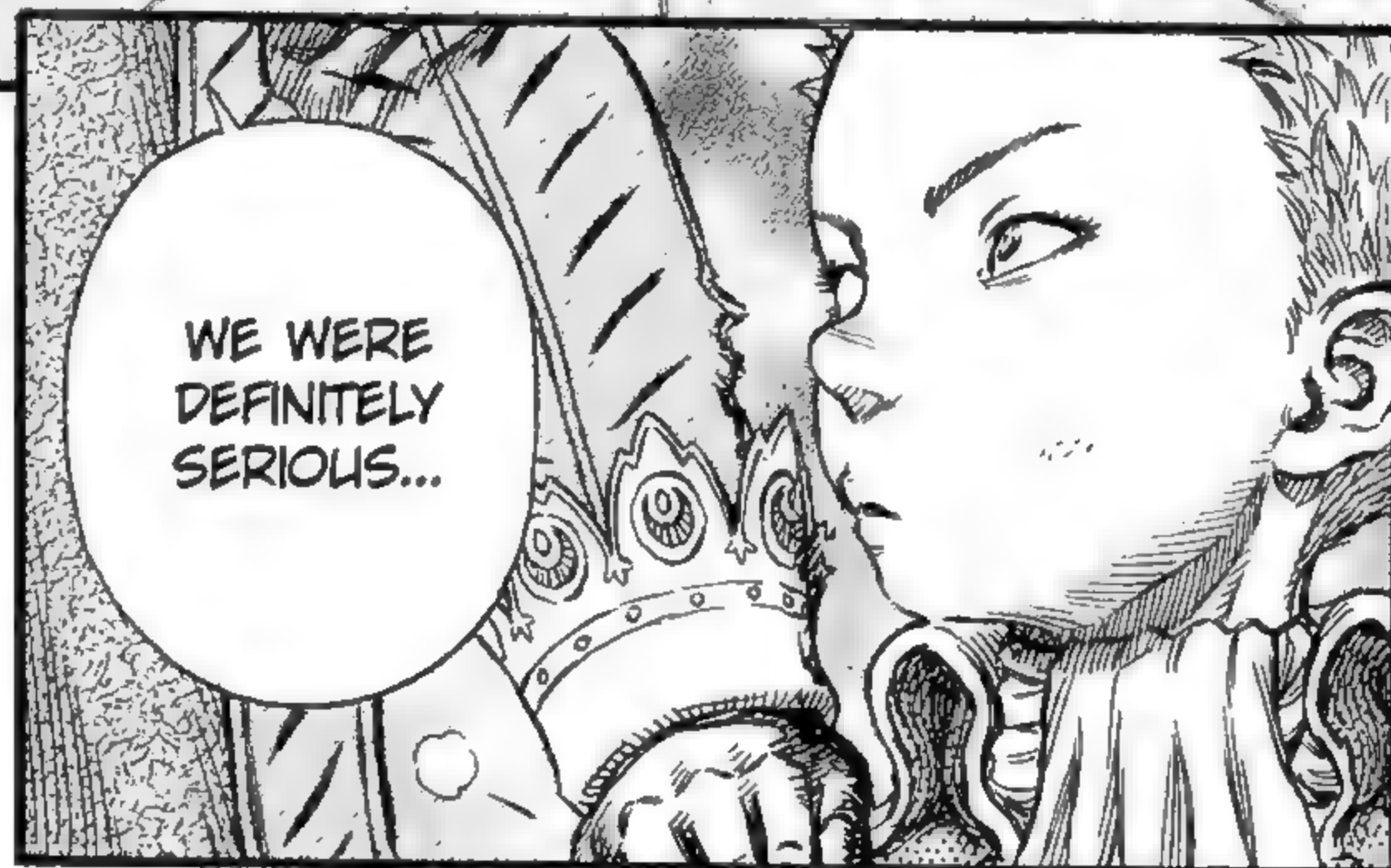
I CAN
HEAR BELLS
RINGING
IN MY
HEAD.

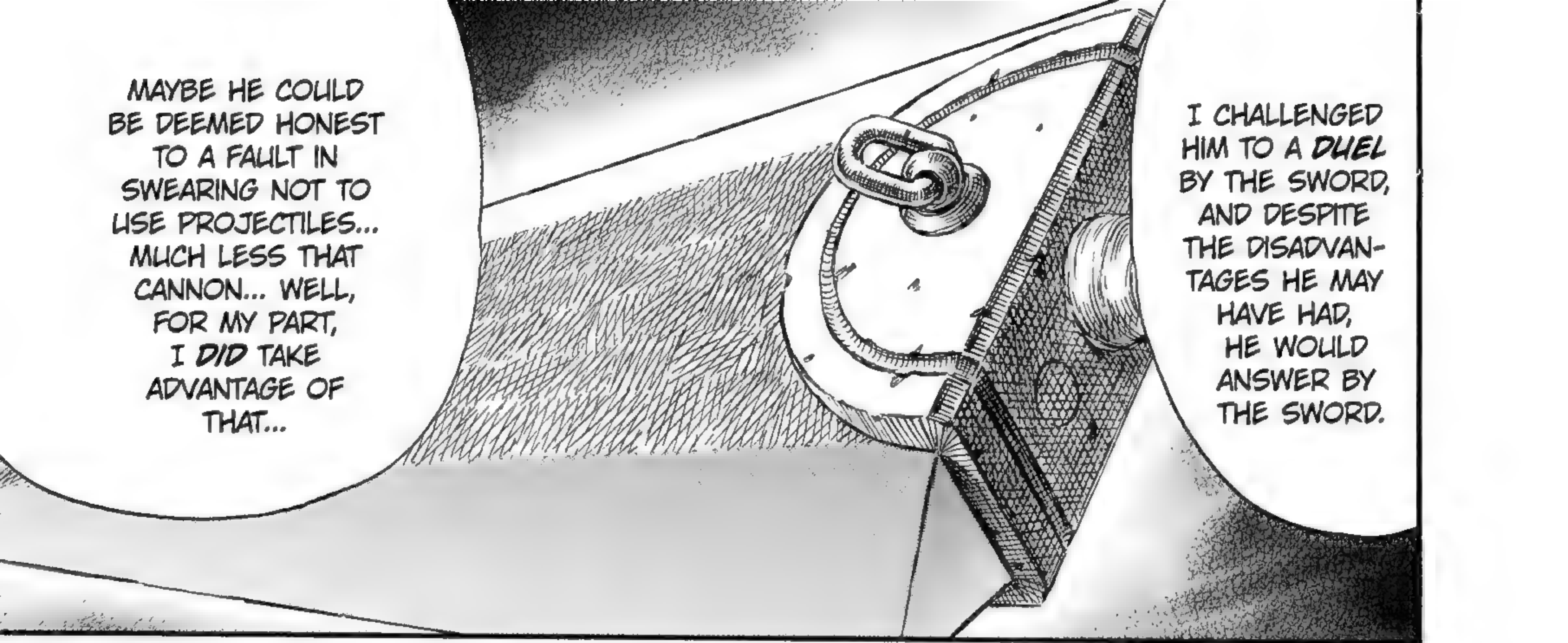
HE'S NOT
SO WEAK
THAT I CAN
GO EASY
ON HIM.

THAT
WAS
LUCK.

AT
THE END,
YOU
MUST'VE
...

Y-YEAH,
BUT--





MAYBE HE COULD
BE DEEMED HONEST
TO A FAULT IN
SWEARING NOT TO
USE PROJECTILES...
MUCH LESS THAT
CANNON... WELL,
FOR MY PART,
I *DID* TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF
THAT...

I CHALLENGED
HIM TO A *DUEL*
BY THE SWORD,
AND DESPITE
THE DISADVANT-
AGES HE MAY
HAVE HAD,
HE WOULD
ANSWER BY
THE SWORD.



PERHAPS
I SIMPLY
LACKED THE
POWER TO
DRIVE GLTS
THAT FAR,
OR ELSE...

AND MORE
THAN ANYTHING,
HE DID NOT
UNLEASH THE
POWER OF
HIS ARMOR.



...ON YOUR
UNYIELDING
SPIRIT.

...I
SUPPOSE
I WILL
WAGER...

IF THAT
IS THE
CASE...



DON'T
LINGER
BEHIND
OR I'LL
LEAVE
YOU.

THAT
MON-
STER'S
GOT ME
WORRIED.

R-
RIGHT!



.....



AT THE
SHORE
...

I DO
NOT
KNOW
WHY...



...AND
IT HAS
INFILTRATED
THIS
PALACE.

IT IS APPAR-
ENTLY AKIN TO
THE FAMILIARS
THAT ATTACKED
US AT THE
SHORE...

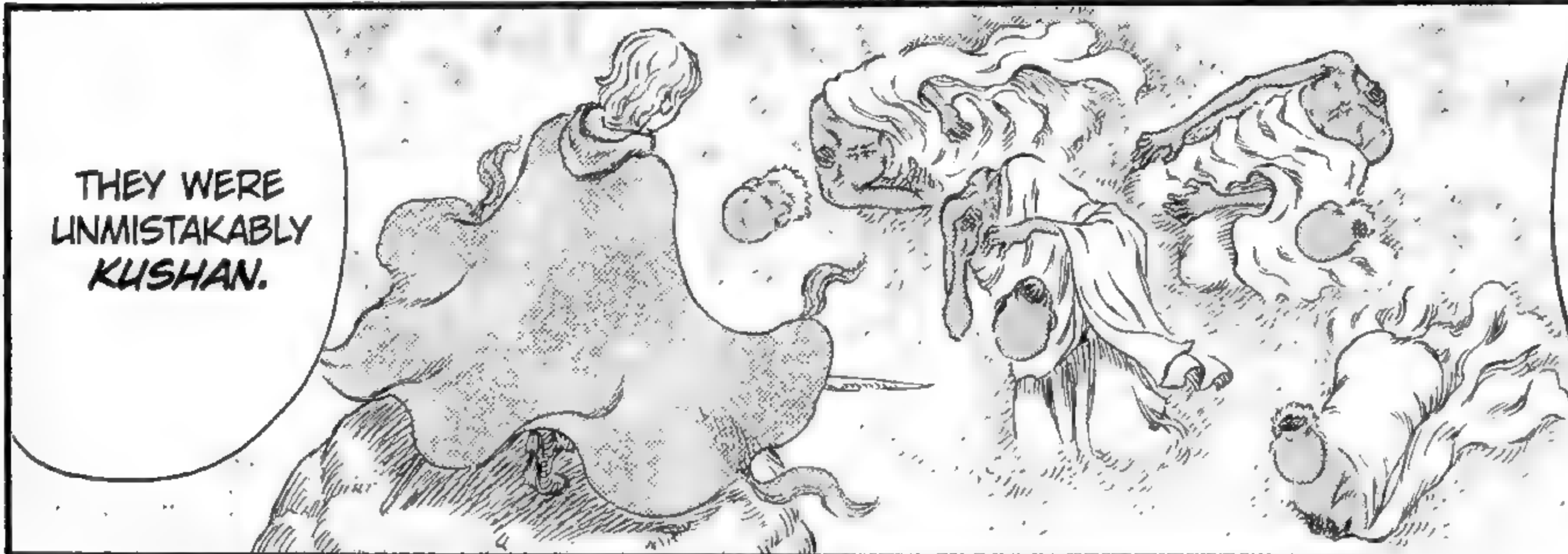


MON-
STER
?

YES.



I CAN
THINK
OF A
REASON
...



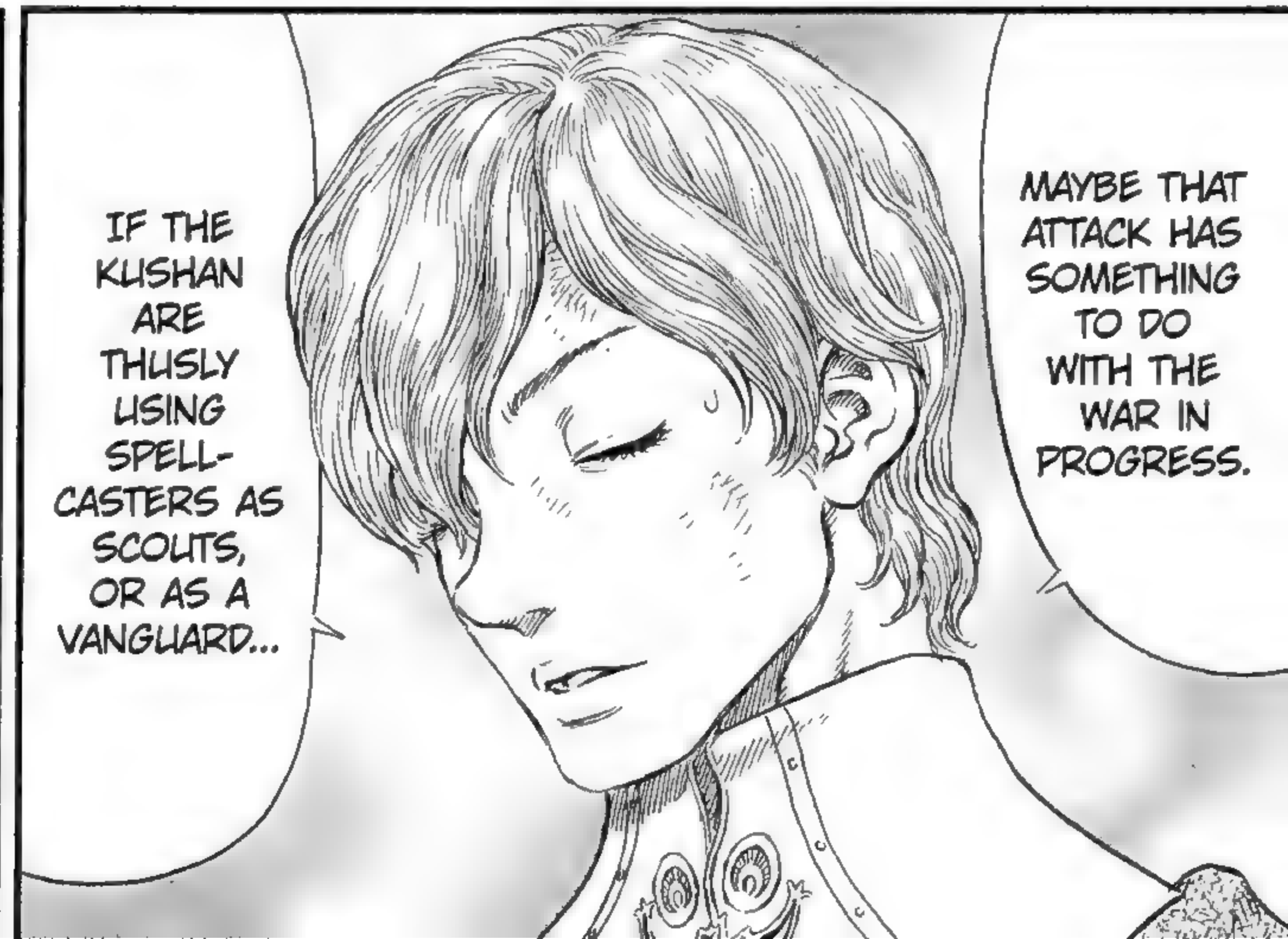
THEY WERE
UNMISTAKABLY
KUSHAN.

I KILLED
SOME SPELL-
CASTERS AT
THE SHORE,
THE ONES
WHO WERE
CONTROLLING
THE FAMIL-
IARS.



...JUST
ONE
ANSWER.

IF SO,
THERE'S
...



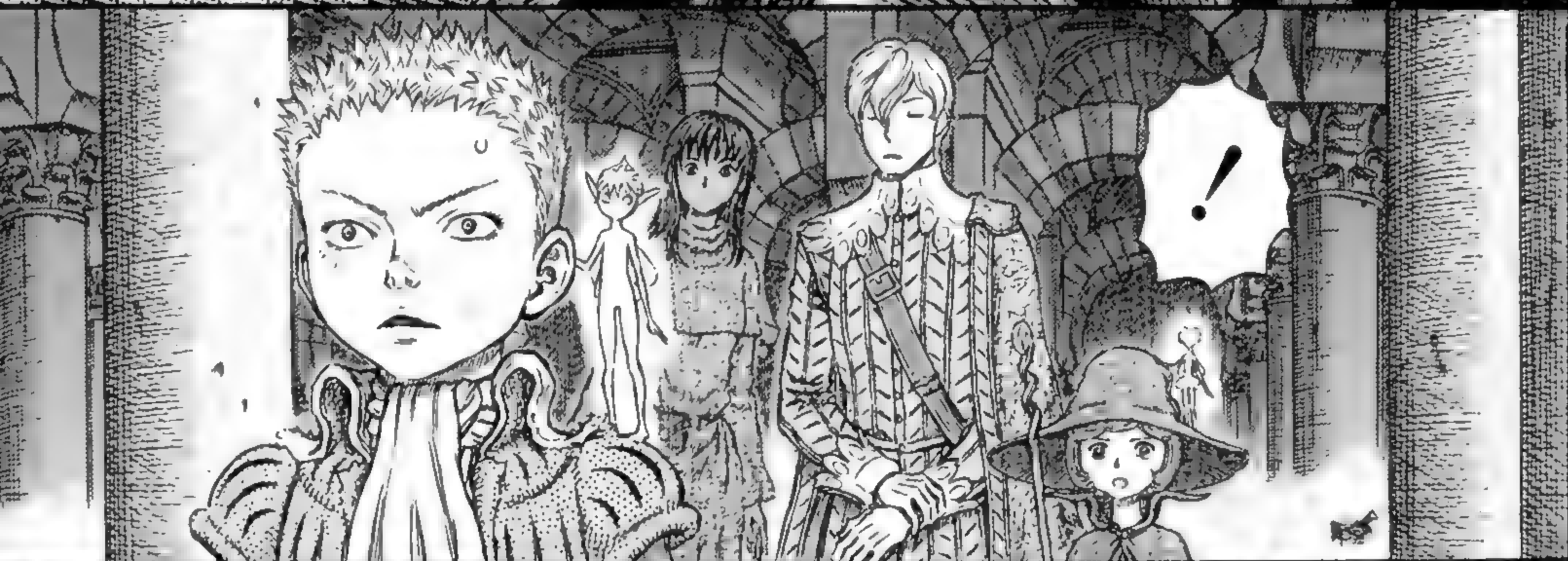
IF THE
KUSHAN
ARE
THUSLY
USING
SPELL-
CASTERS AS
SCOUTS,
OR AS A
VANGUARD...

MAYBE THAT
ATTACK HAS
SOMETHING
TO DO
WITH THE
WAR IN
PROGRESS.



...GONNA
BECOME A
BATTLE-
FIELD.

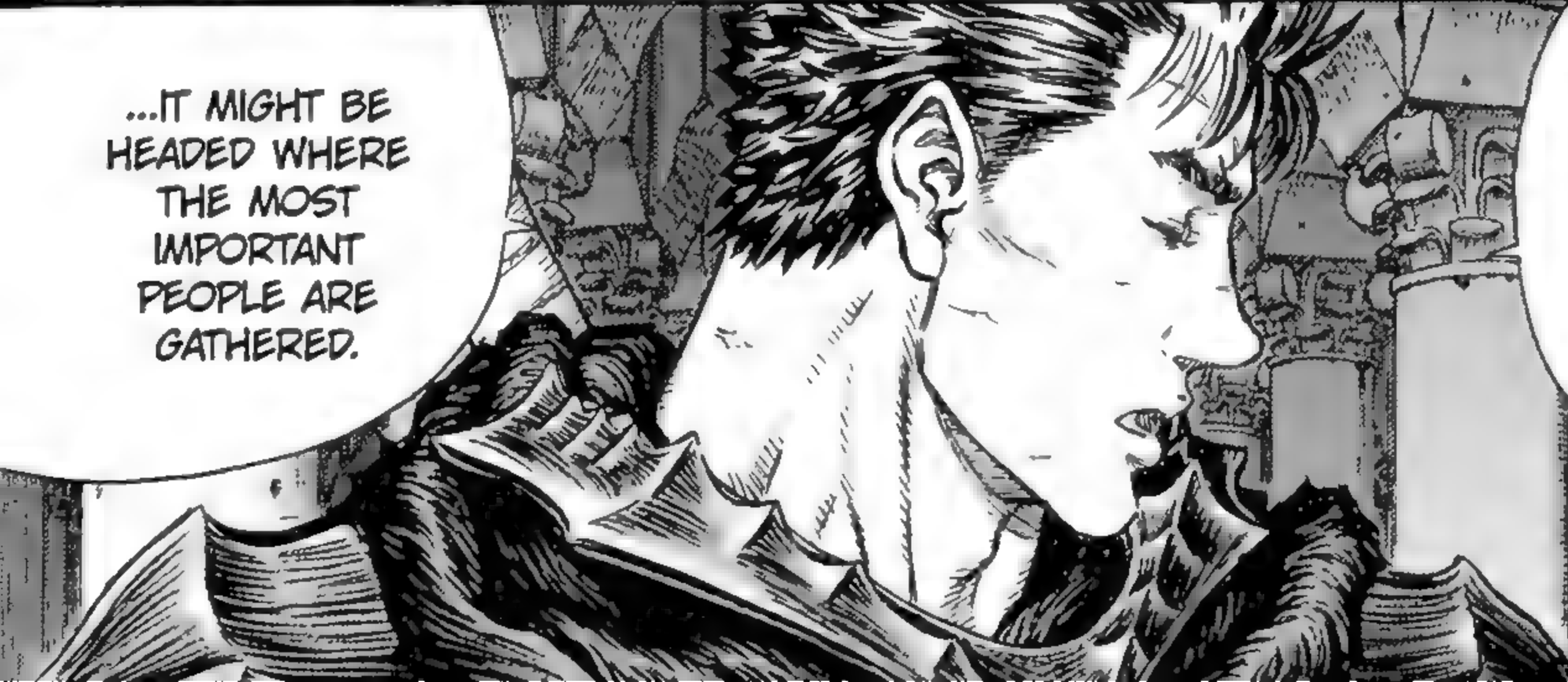
PRETTY
SOON,
THIS
CITY'S...



...AS
FAST
AS YOU
CAN.



GET
AWAY
FROM
THIS
CITY...



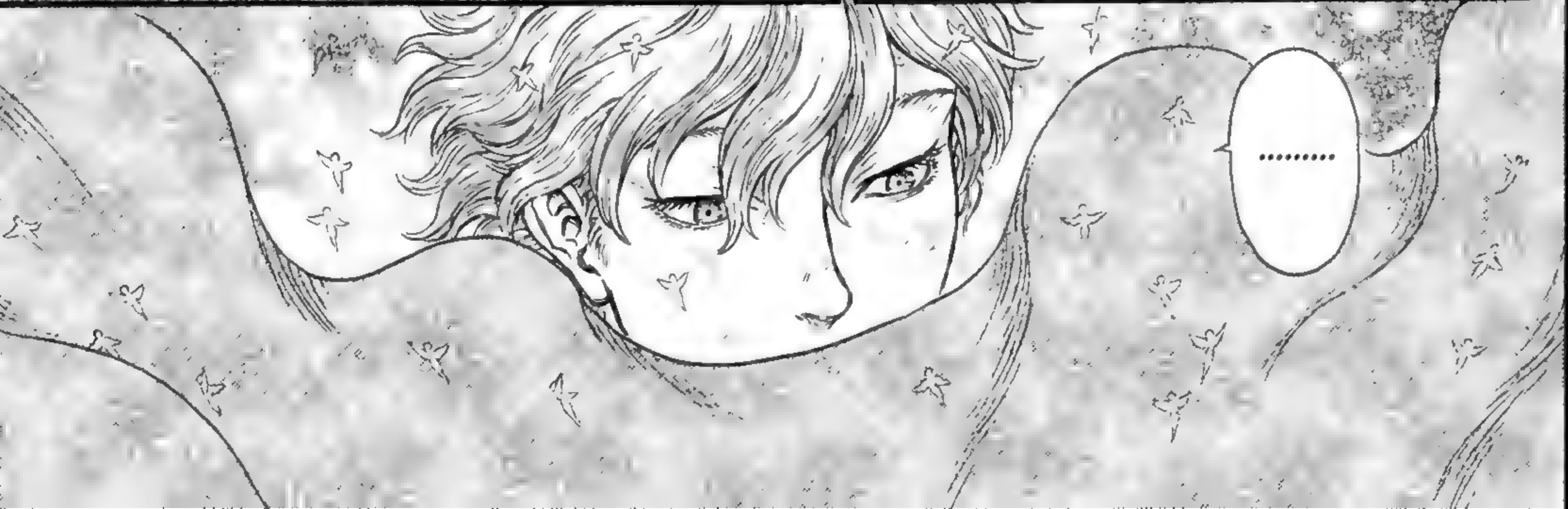
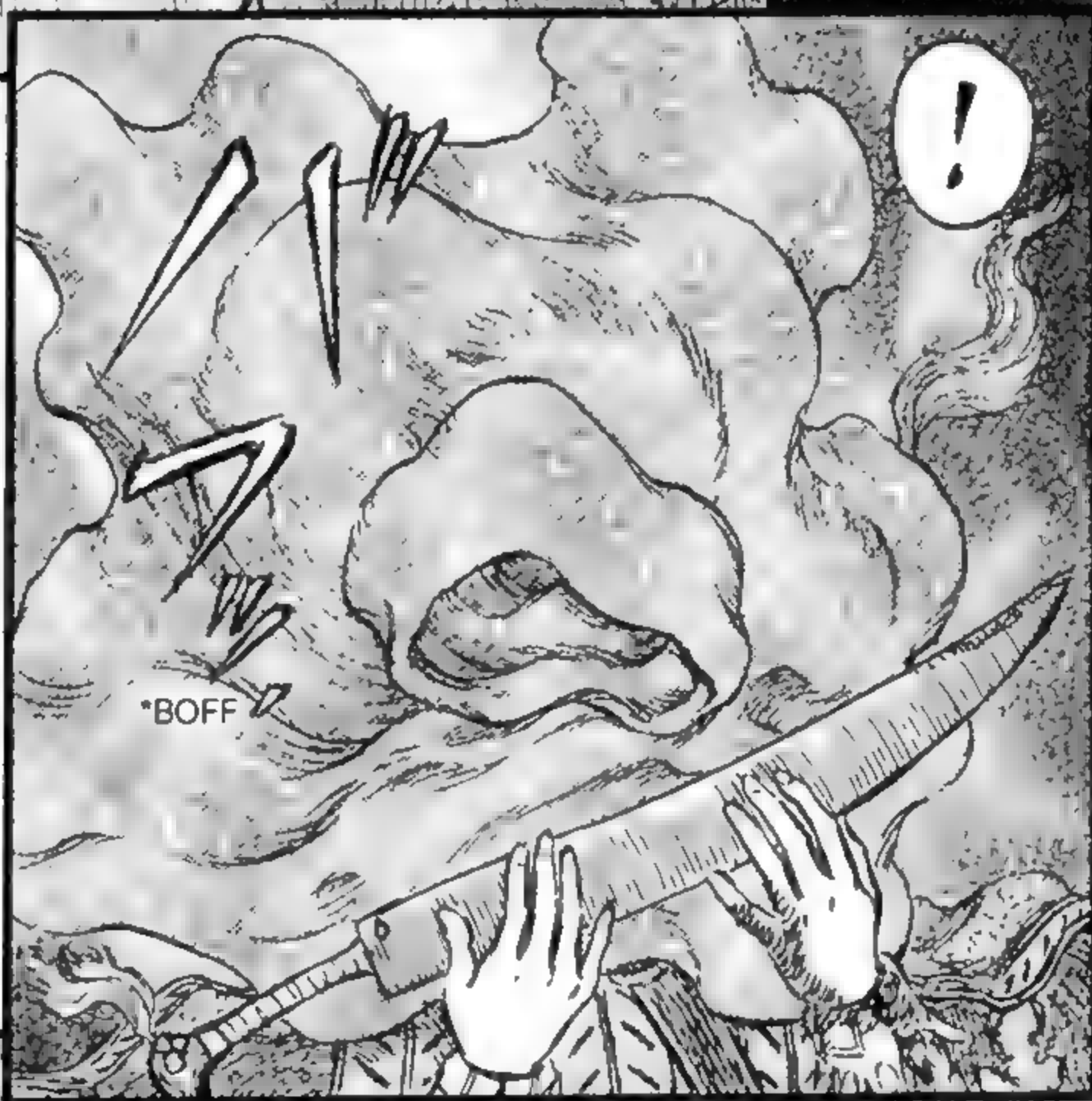
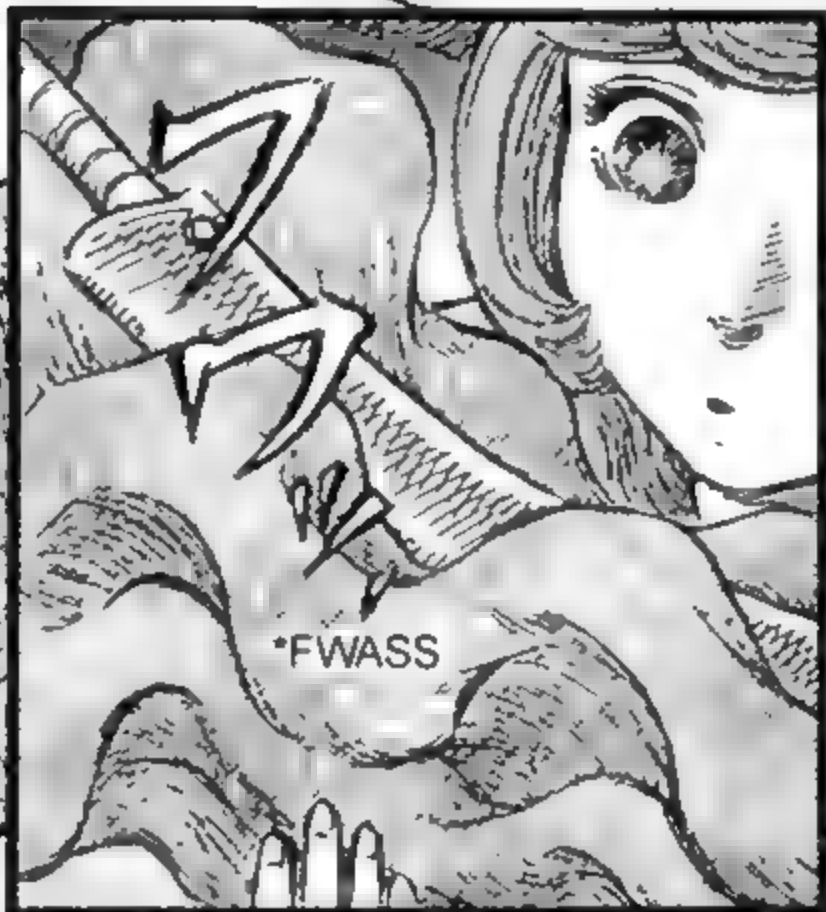
...IT MIGHT BE
HEADED WHERE
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
PEOPLE ARE
GATHERED.

IF, AS YOU SAY,
THAT MONSTER'S
THE KUSHAN
VANGUARD...



*FX: RUMMAGE







...HAS
ARRIVED.

...LORD
FEDERICO DO
VANDIMION...

HOLDER OF
THE HONOR-
ABLE TITLE
"MASTER OF
SCALES"...

THE THIRD-
GENERATION
HEAD OF THE
VANDIMION
FAMILY...

IT ISN'T
JUST NATIONS.
THE FINANCIAL
ADMINISTRATION OF
EVEN THE HOLY SEE
IS MANAGED SINGLE-
HANDEDLY BY THE
VANDIMION BANK.

THEY SAY
THAT STARTING
WITH CHLUDER,
HARDLY ANY OF THE
GREAT POWERS
CAN NOW WAGE
WAR WITHOUT
VANDIMION
FINANCIAL
BACKING.

THAT'S FEDERICO
DO VANDIMION,
HEAD OF THE
GREAT VANDIMION
FAMILY--THE
FOREMOST IN
THE WORLD.

HE SURELY
IS THE MOST
INFLUENTIAL
PERSON IN
THE HOLY
SEE DOMAIN.

TALK
ABOUT
PRE-
SENCE.

TCH!

SERPICO
?

.....!

.....

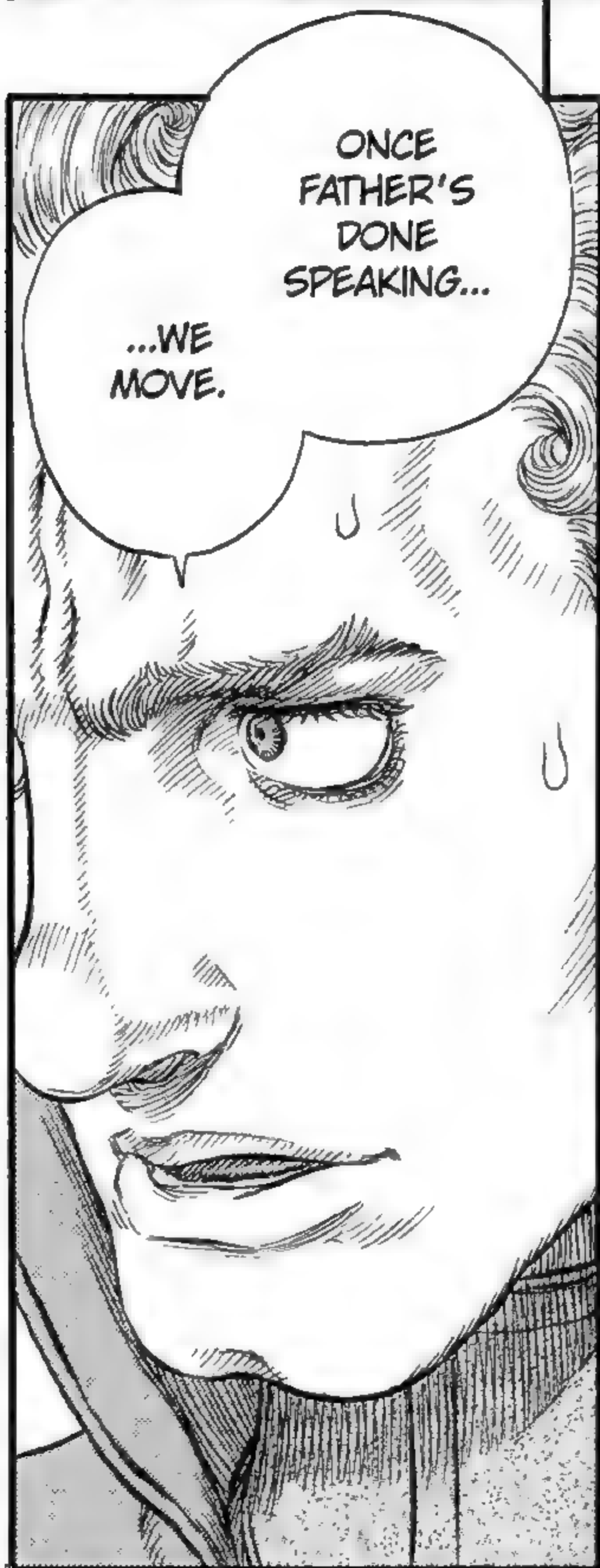


RODERICK...

YOU
DIGNITARIES
FROM MYRIAD
NATIONS MUST
FEEL AKIN
TO MIGHTY
HEROES.

TOMORROW
WILL SURELY
SEE THE START
OF A HOLY WAR,
ONE INVOLVING A
MILITARY HOST
UNPRECEDENTED
EVEN IN THE
HISTORY OF
THE HOLY SEE'S
DOMAIN.

SUPREME
CONSULS AND
CITY ADMINIS-
TRATORS OF
VRITANNIS, I AM
HONORED THAT
YOU ACCEPTED
MY INVITATION
THIS EVENING.

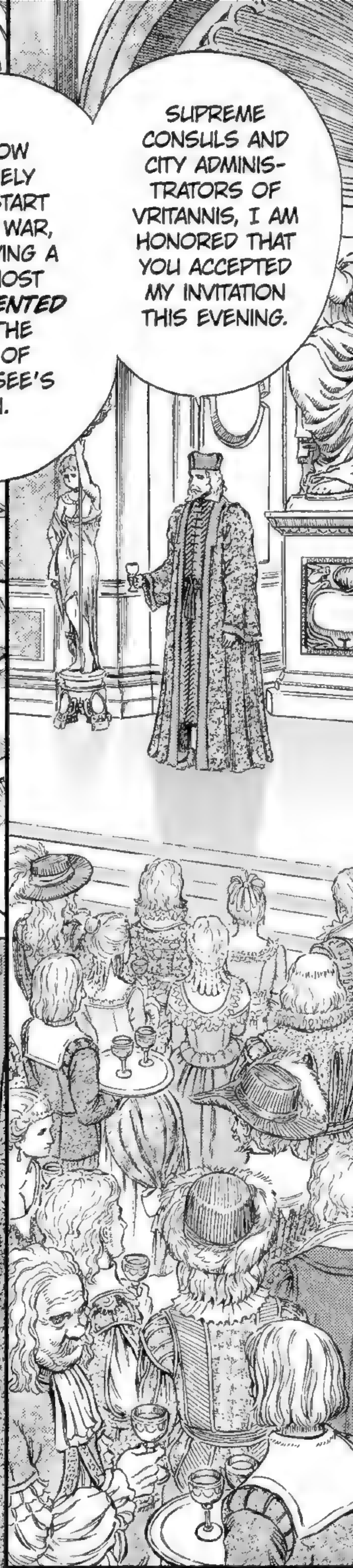


ONCE
FATHER'S
DONE
SPEAKING...

...WE
MOVE.



HOWEVER,
THIS IS YOUR
LAST BANQUET
BEFORE
DEPARTING FOR
THE FRONT,
SO LET US
TONIGHT DISCUSS
NOTHING SO
INELEGANT.





...OF
VICTORY!

A TOAST,
IN CELEBRA-
TION...



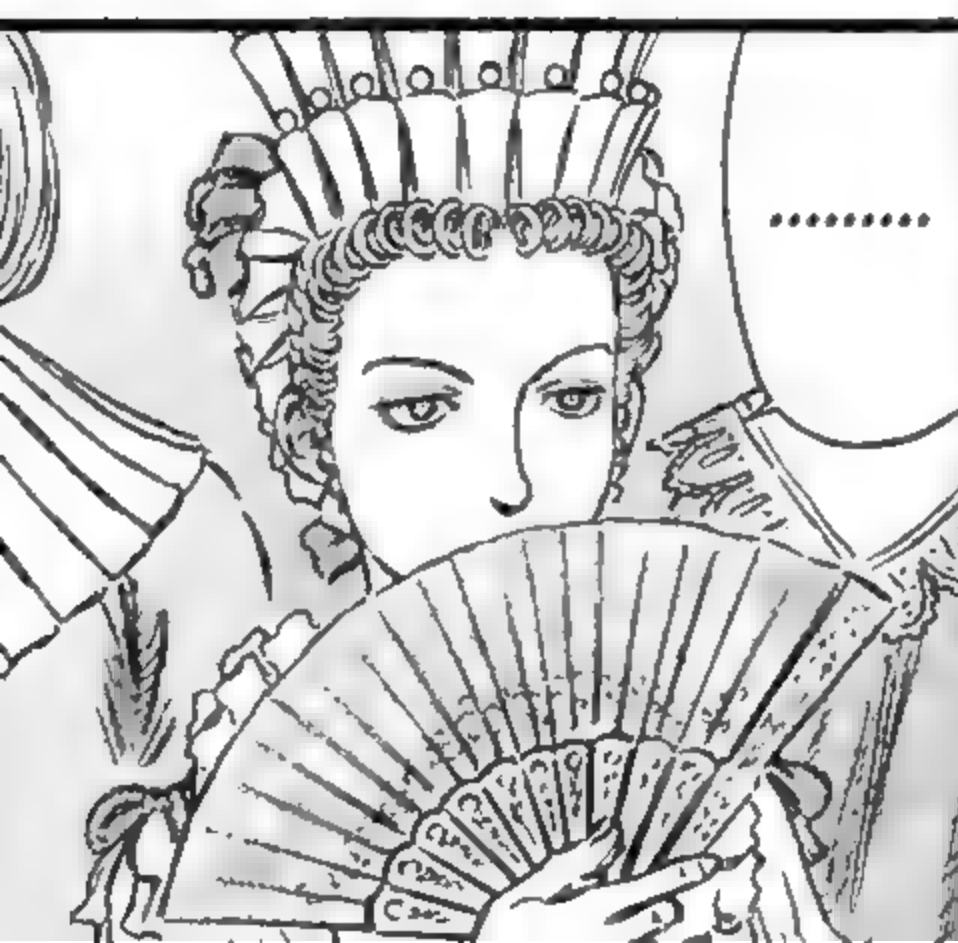
THE THIRD
VANDIMION
SON, I
BELIEVE...

WHO'S
THAT?

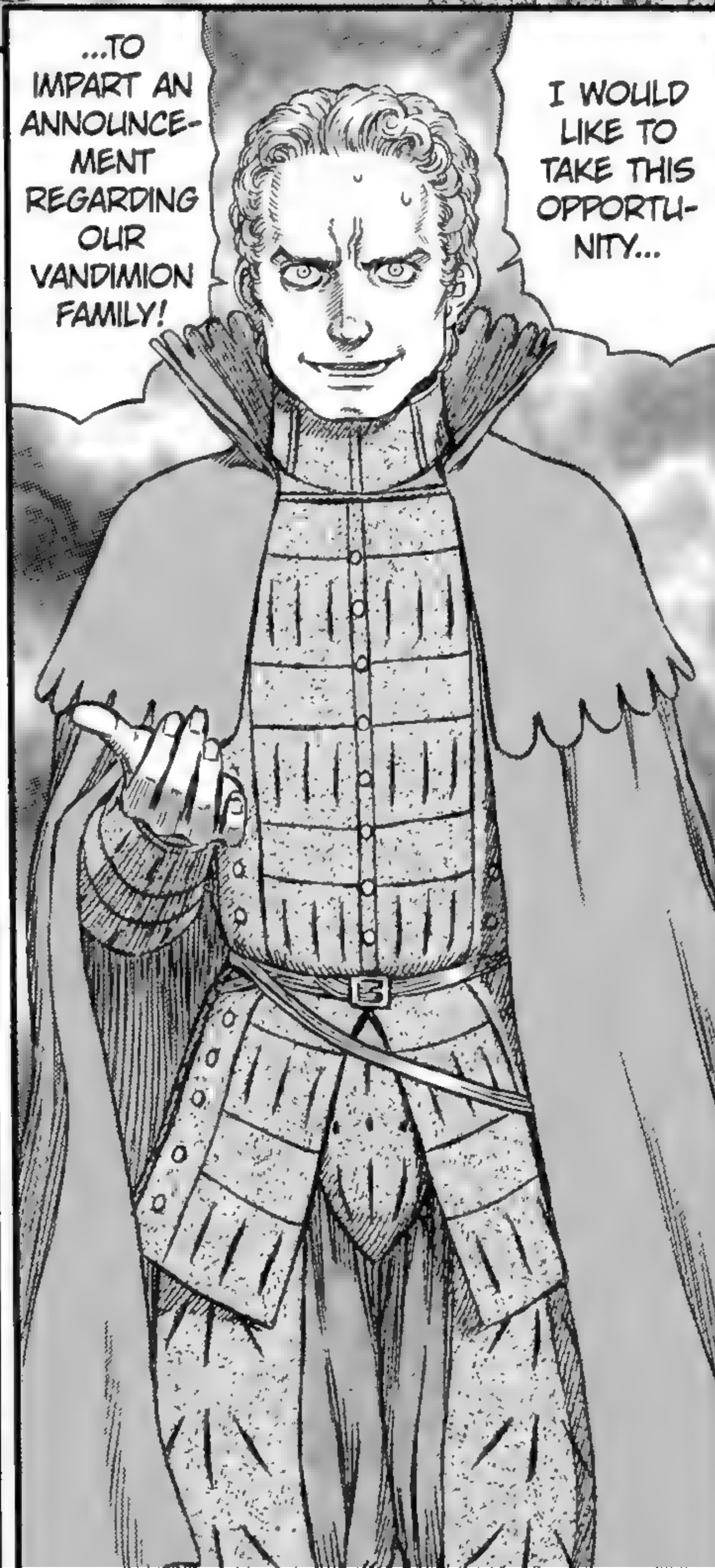


MANIFICO
?

!



.....



...TO
IMPART AN
ANNOUNCE-
MENT
REGARDING
OUR
VANDIMION
FAMILY!

I WOULD
LIKE TO
TAKE THIS
OPPORTU-
NITY...



GOOD
PEOPLE
GATHERED
HERE!

SEE
THESE
TWO
STANDING
HERE!

THIRD IN LINE
TO THE ROYAL
THRONE OF IITH,
RODERICK OF
SCHTAUFFEN!

AND,
MY SI--

SIS...??

Si...

SERPICO
...



...ALL ABOUT?

WHAT'S THIS...



MANIFICO.

*FX: FLINCH



OH,
NO...

F...

FA-
THER!



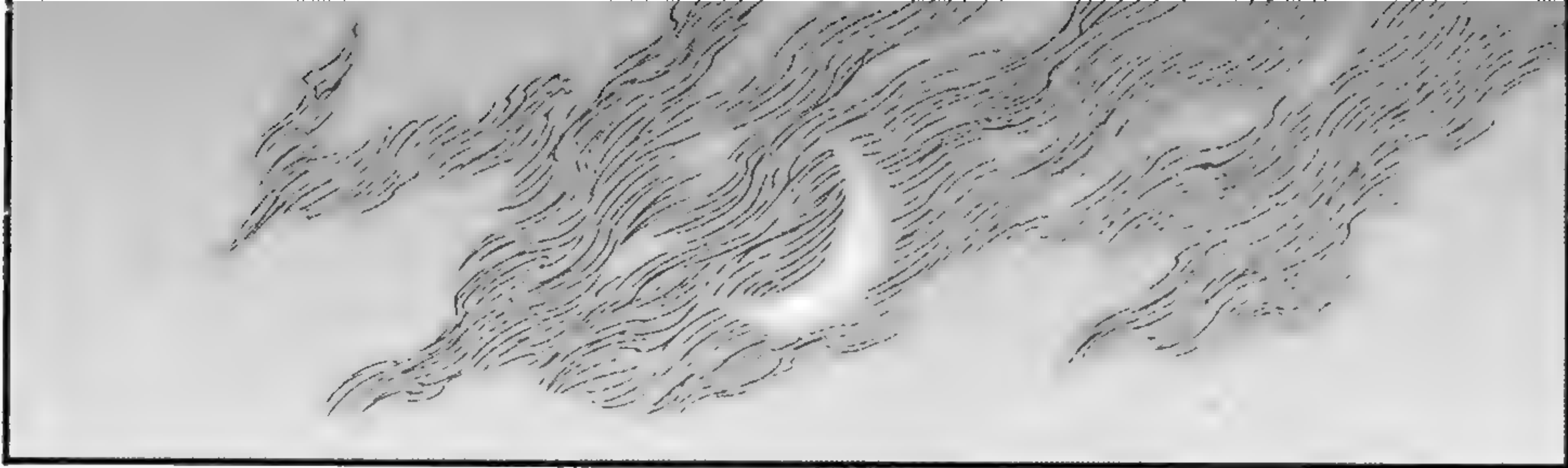
UH...

WELL...

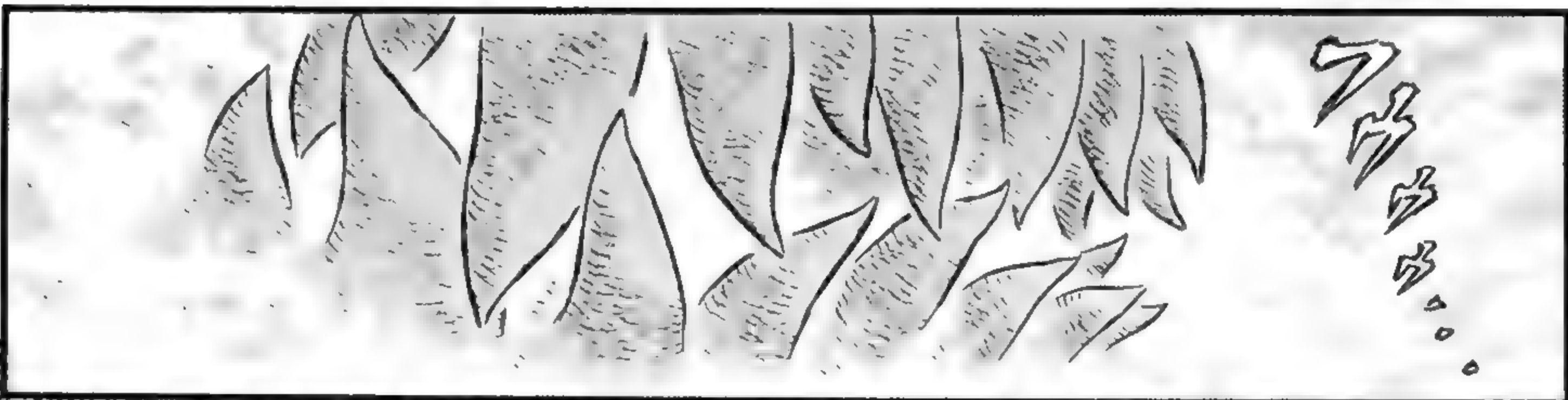
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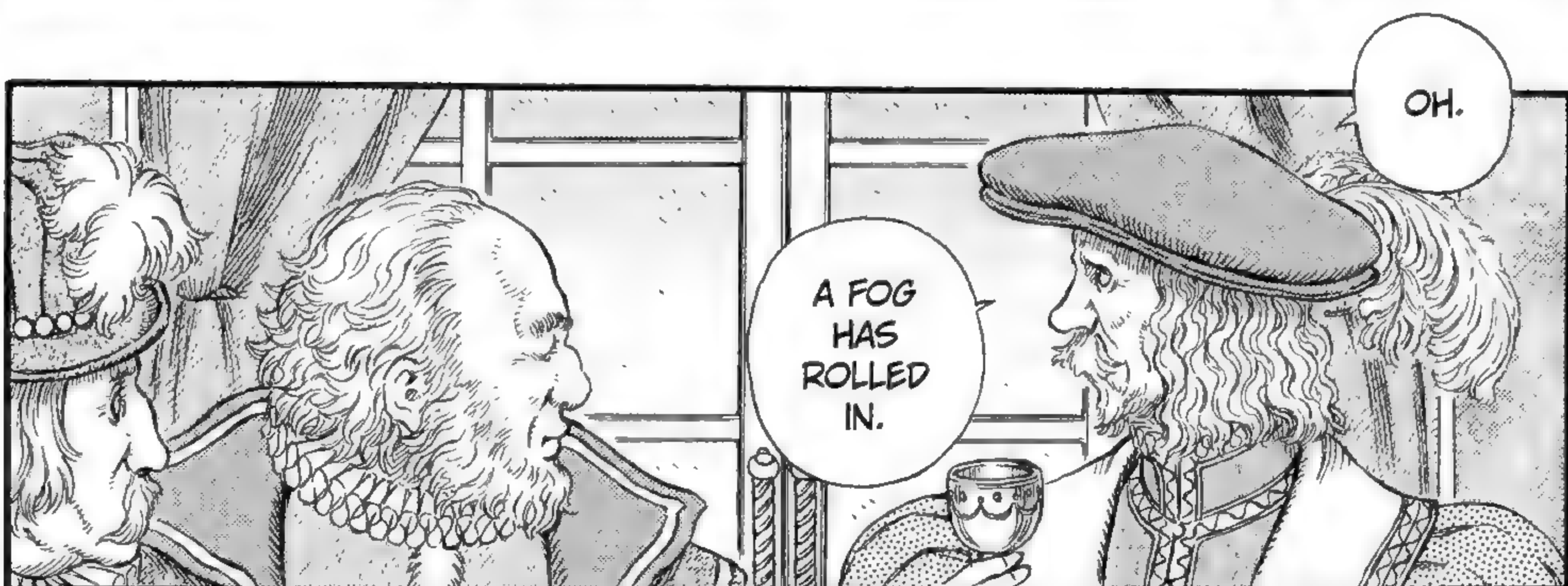
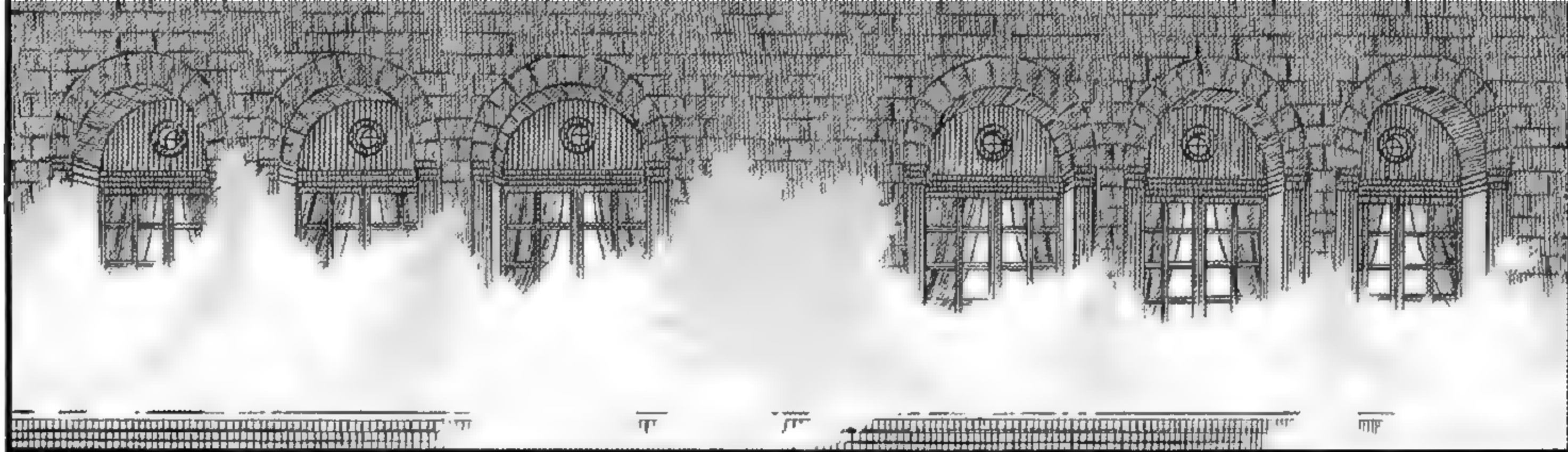


Y-YOU
SEE...

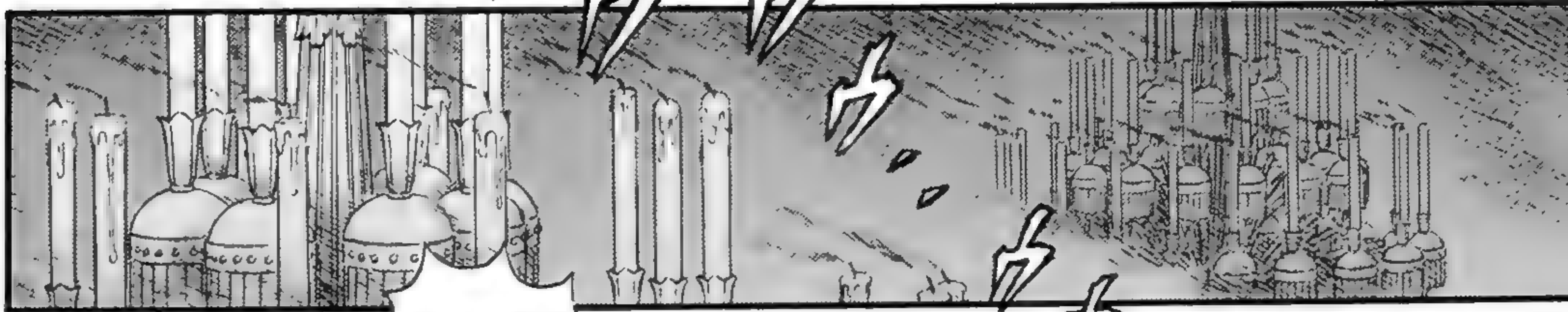


*FX: HHHHHH



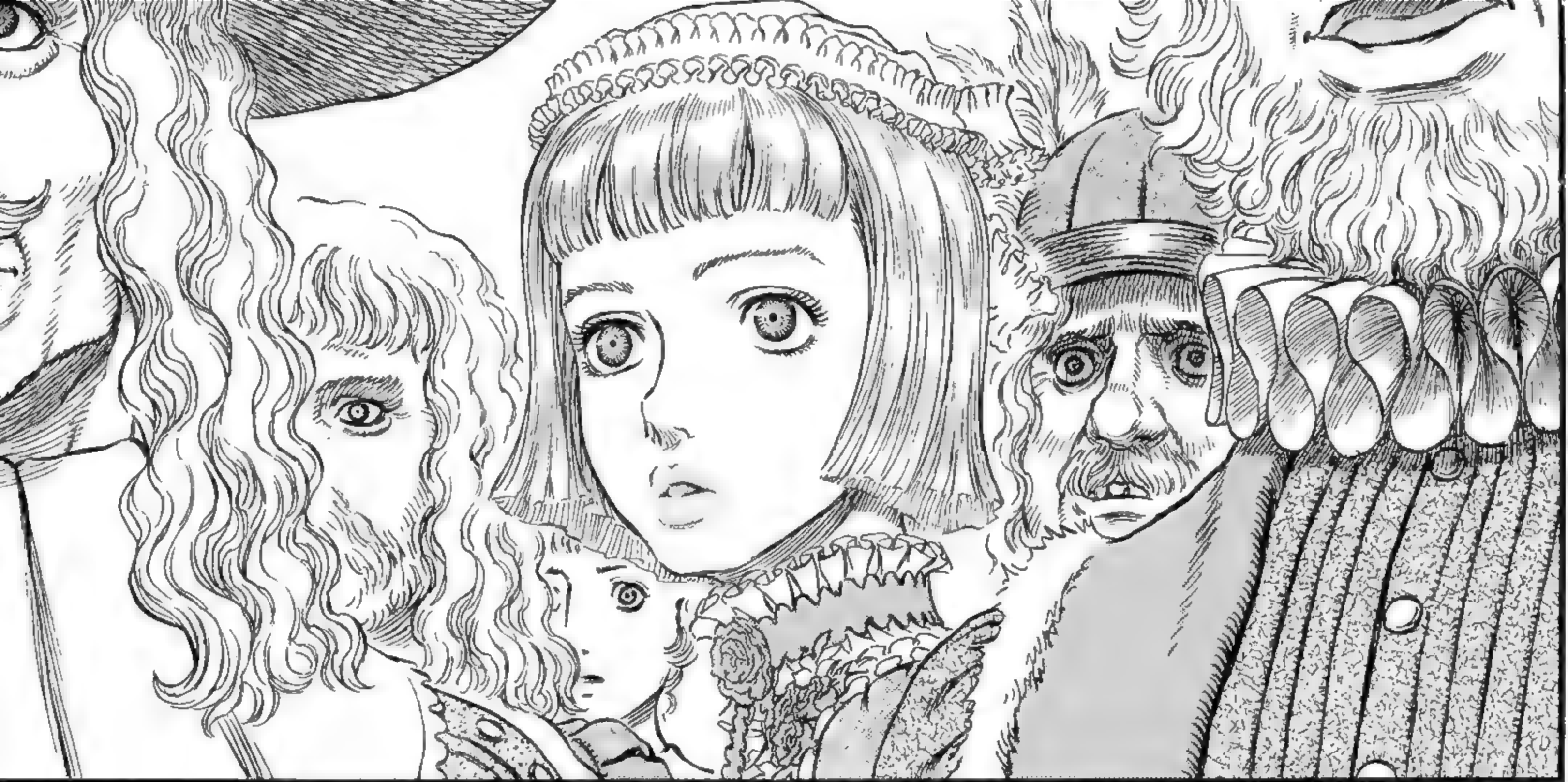


ENCHANTED TIGER
妖虎



A SUDDEN
GUST
BROKE THE
WINDOW....!!

WHAT
...?!



*FX: HHHH HHHH





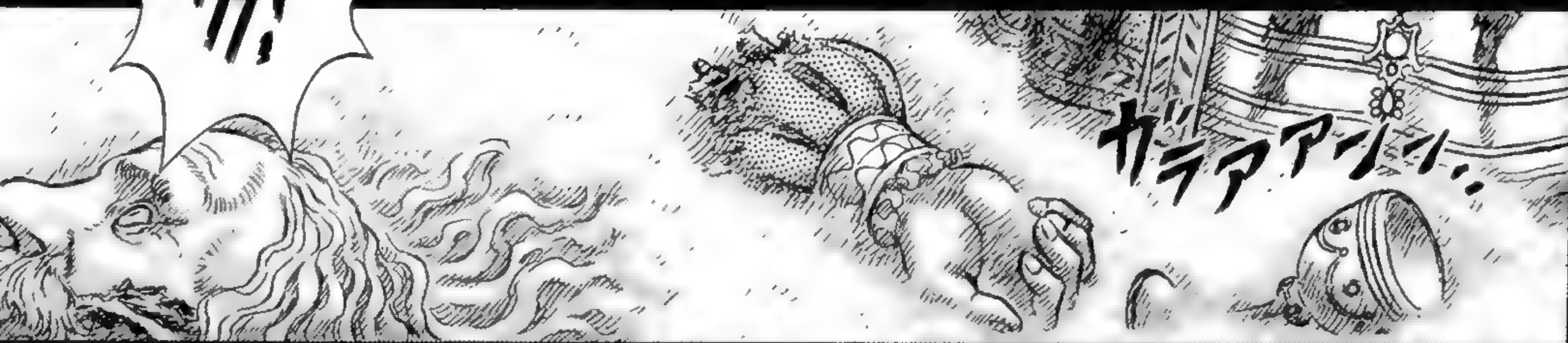
TX: VLACH POK SHRAP





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*FX: GLANNG



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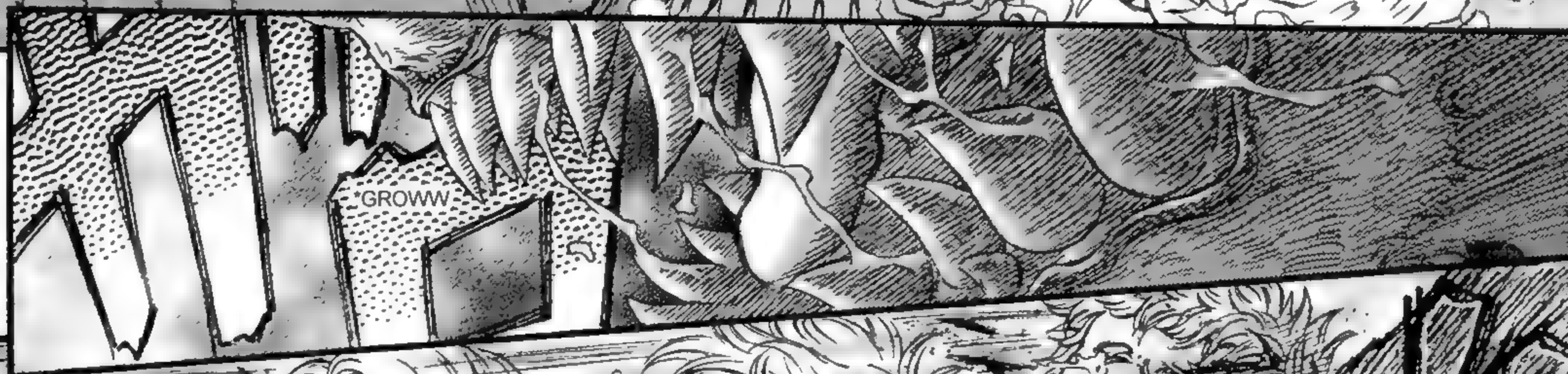
WHAT
IS THAT
BEAST
?!



MONSTER!!

*FX: AGGHHHH

IT'S--







*FX: GLANCE



*SPRING



TO THE
EXIT...!!



*ZHFAAA

*CHOMP



THAT
CREATURE IS
CONNECTED
TO THE
ASTRAL
WORLD!!

I'M SURE
OF IT!!

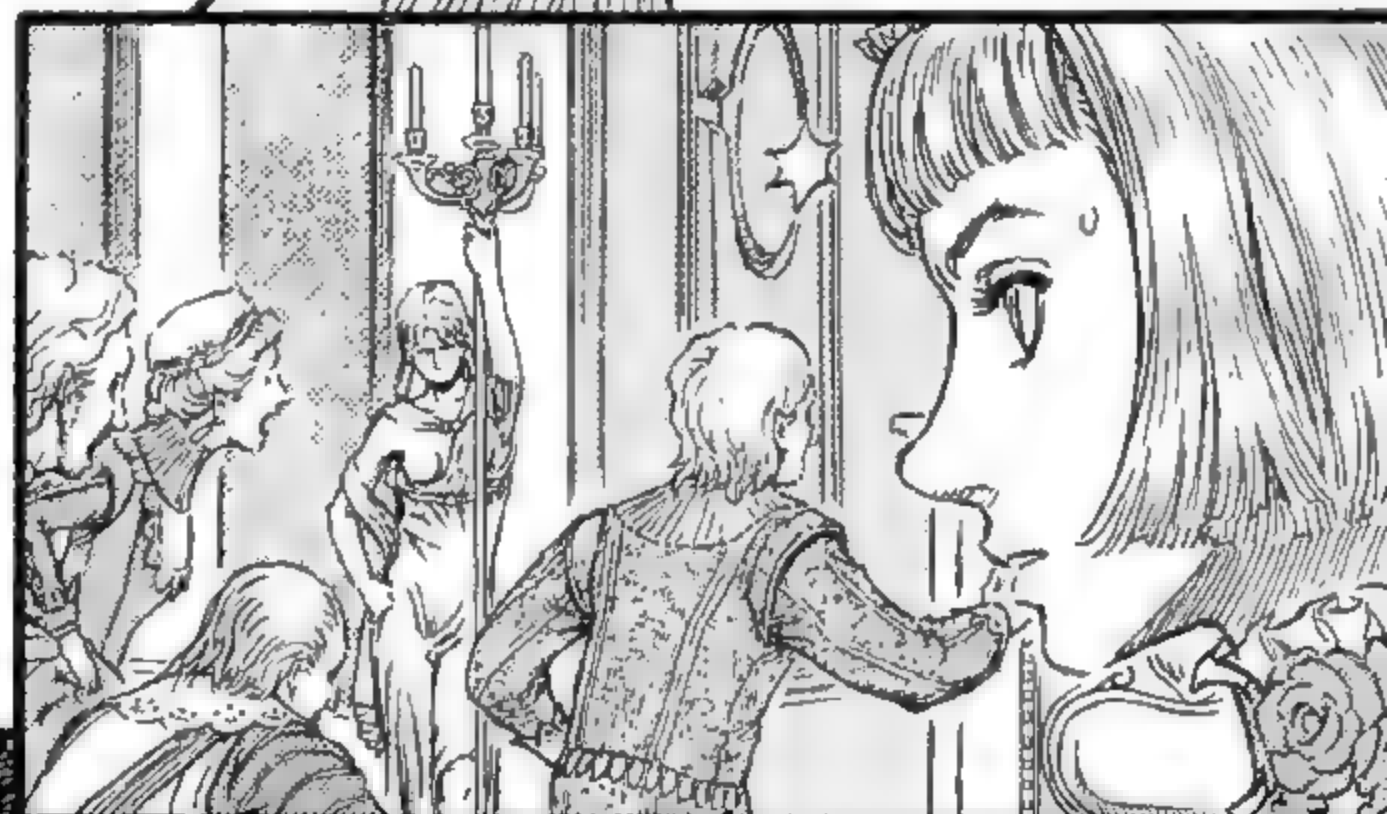
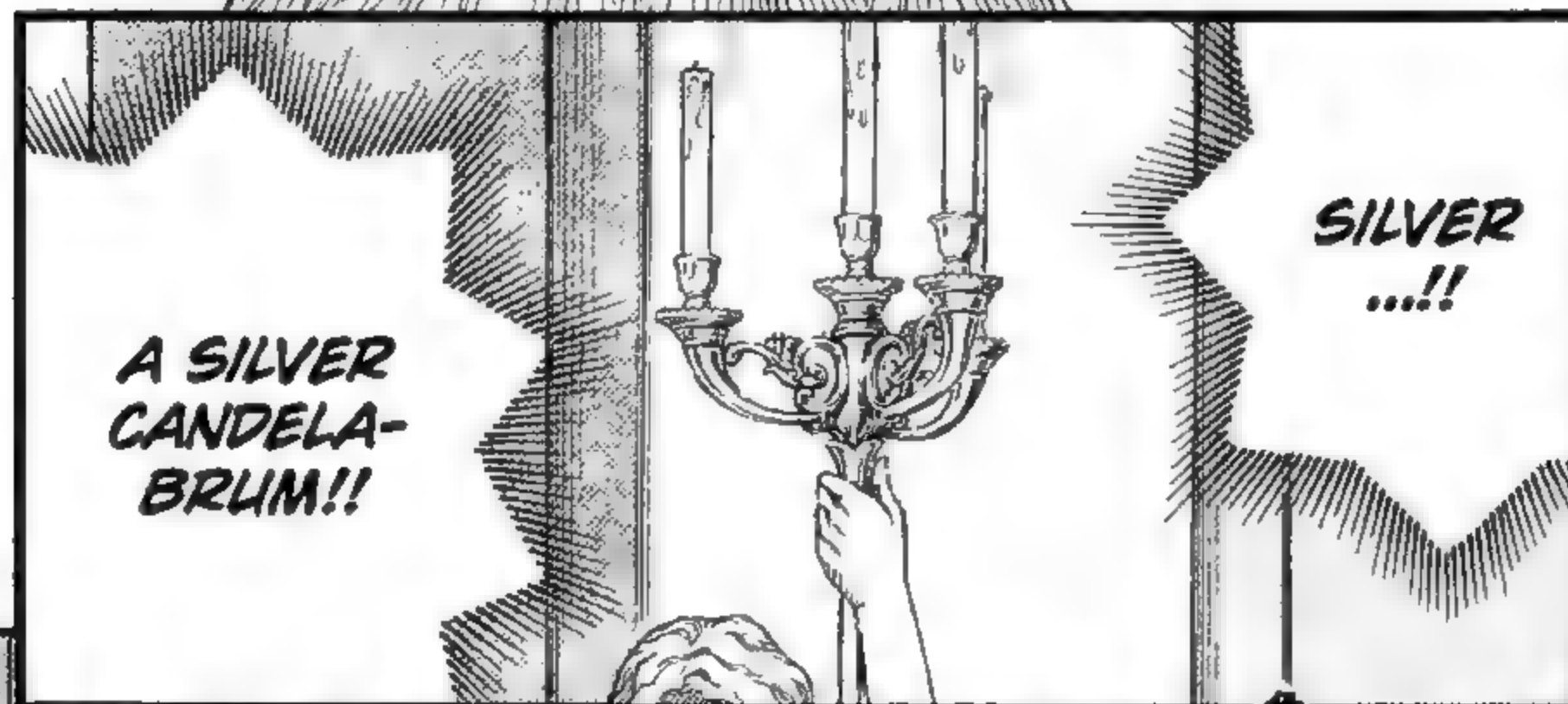
WHY'S
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
HERE...?!



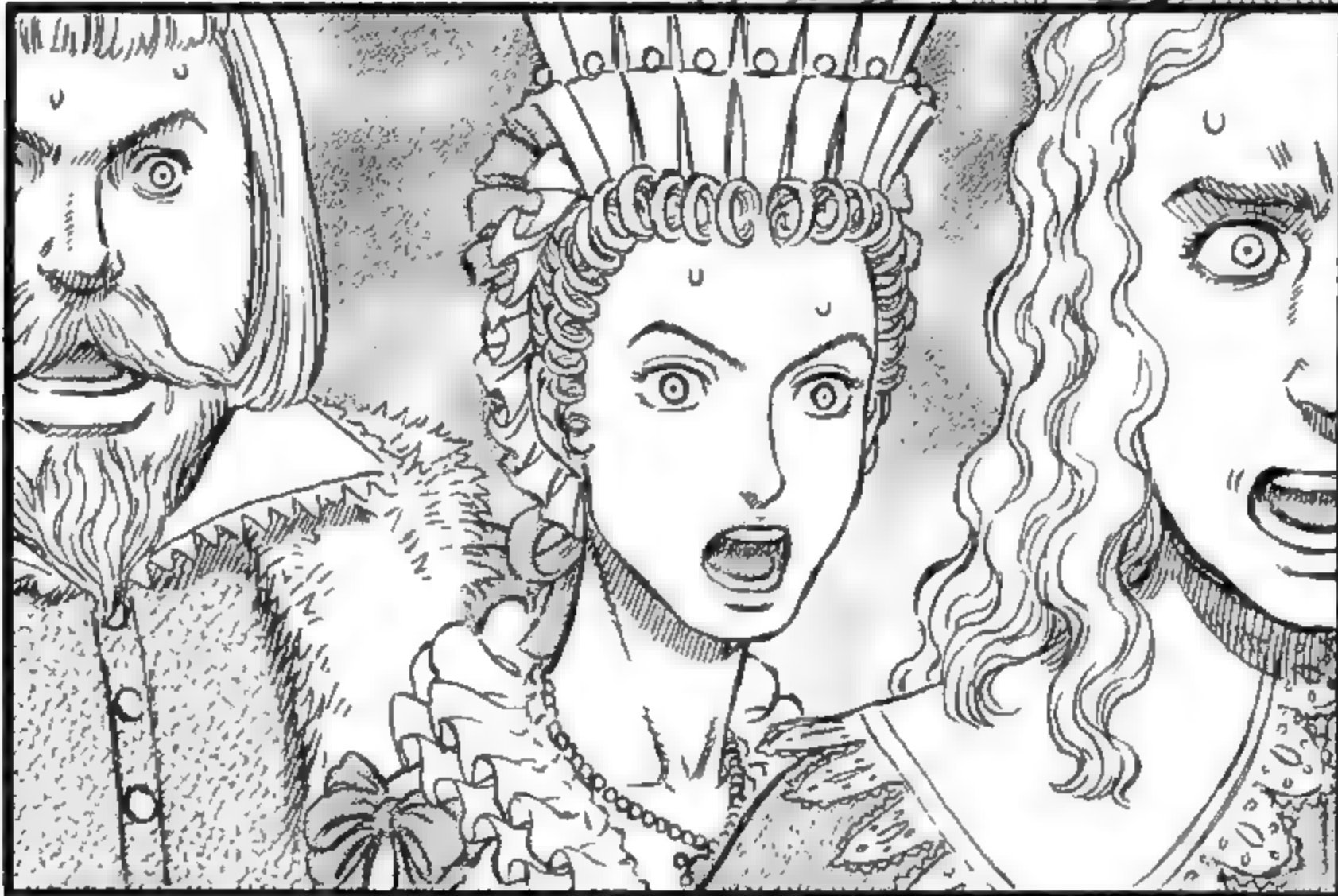
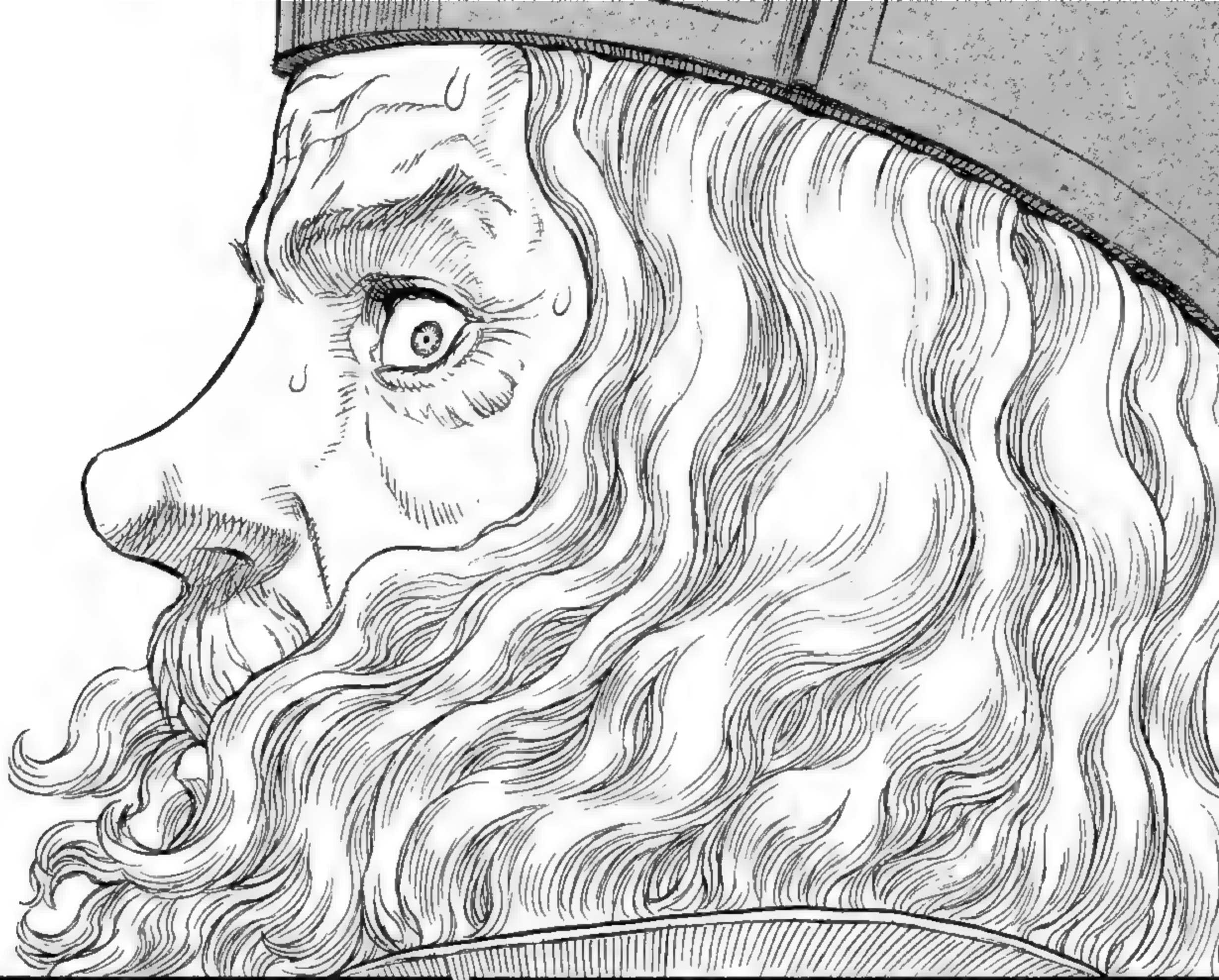
IS
THAT A
LION
...?!

ISN'T
IT A
TIGER
?!

IMPOSSIBLE!!
THERE'RE NO
LIONS OR
TIGERS THAT
HUGE...









I CAN'T
MOVE FAST
ENOUGH
IN THIS
DRESS!

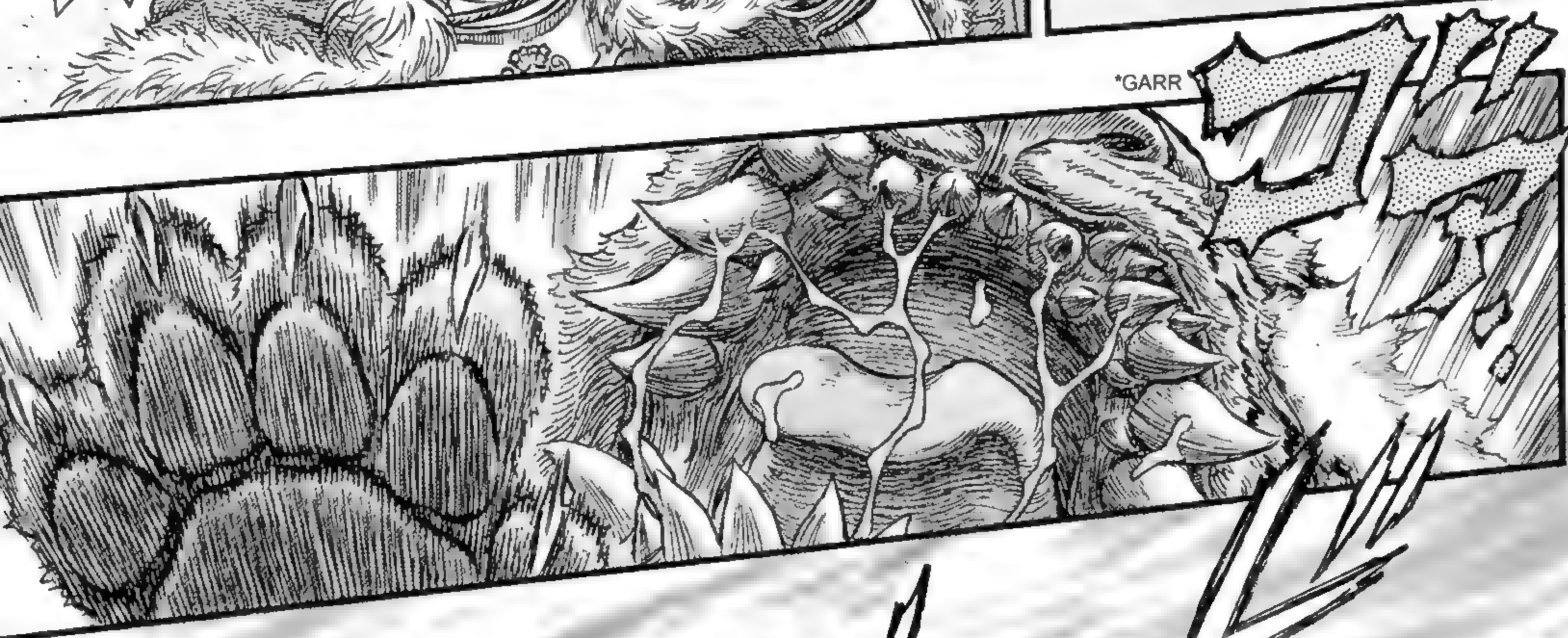


*GRRRR

*CHNK



NO...!!



*GARR



*WHSSSSSS

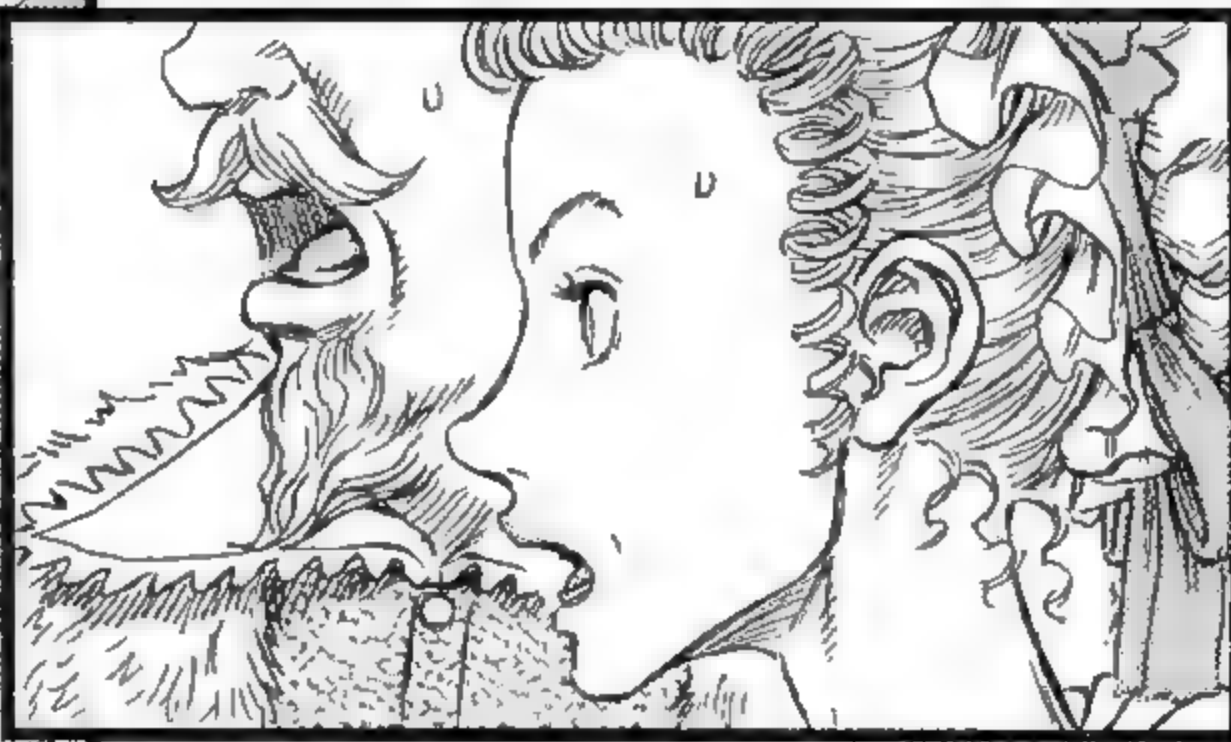




MY
APOLOGIES.

I WAS
NEEDED
AS A
GUIDE...

...AND HAD
TO STEP
AWAY FOR
A BIT.



SERPICO
...

*FX: GRRRRR



...THE
PARTY'S
IN FULL
SWING.

LOOKS
LIKE...





*CHAKT

*JSHHHHHH

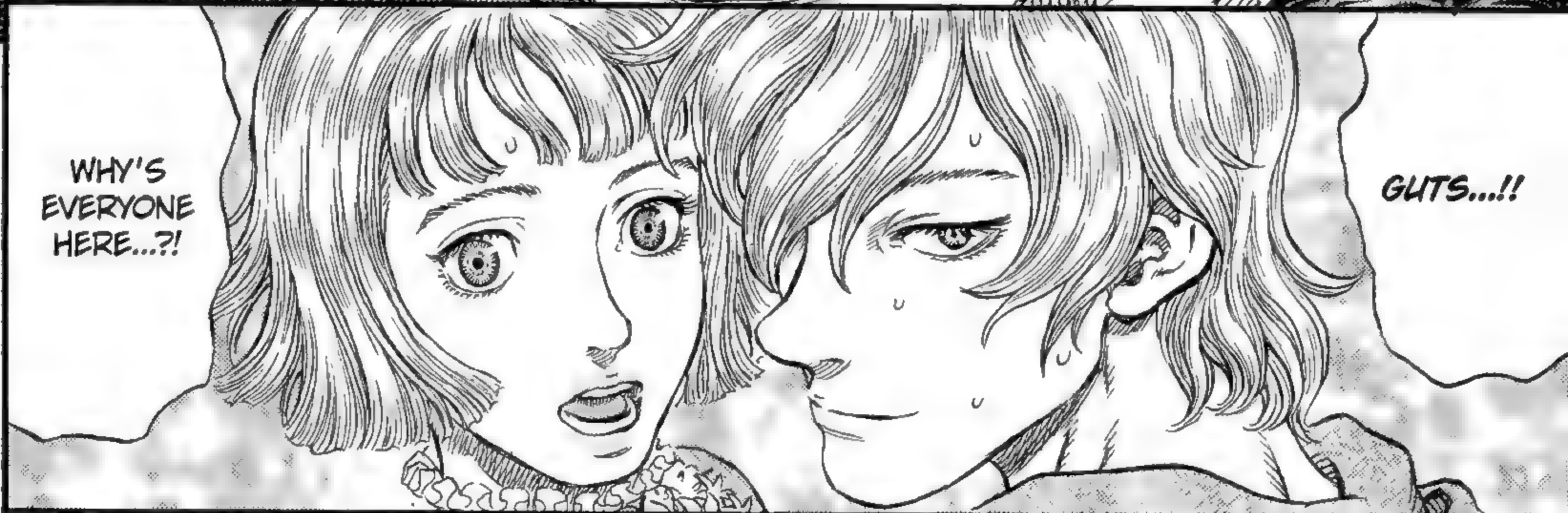
*HSHAHHHH

*VWOM

INTRUSION

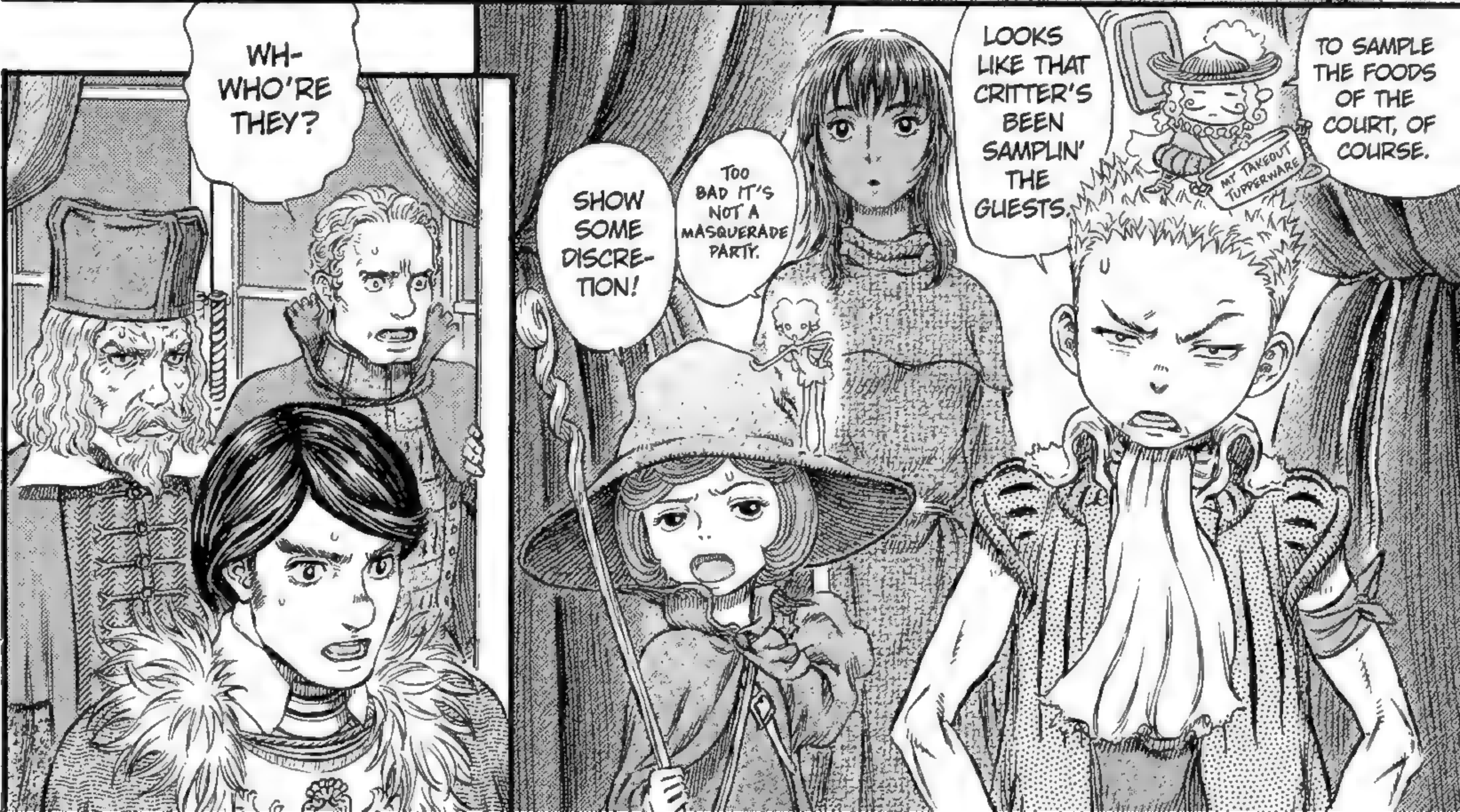
乱入





WHY'S
EVERYONE
HERE...?!

GUTS....!!



WH-
WHO'RE
THEY?

SHOW
SOME
DISCRE-
TION!

TOO
BAD IT'S
NOT A
MASQUERADE
PARTY.

LOOKS
LIKE THAT
CRITTER'S
BEEN
SAMPLIN'
THE
GUESTS.

TO SAMPLE
THE FOODS
OF THE COURT, OF
COURSE.



CALL THE GUARDS ...!

THAT MONSTER TORE SO MANY PEOPLE TO SHREDS IN AN INSTANT!

THAT'S INSANE !

H-HEY, YOU MEAN THAT MAN'S...?!

HE MEANS TO FIGHT THAT BEAST?!

WHAT CAN HE DO HIMSELF ?!

B-BUT LOOK...

LOOK AT HIS SWORD...

RIDICU- LOUS!

BUT WITH THAT SWORD, JUST MAYBE...

NO MAN COULD WIELD A SWORD THAT LARGE!



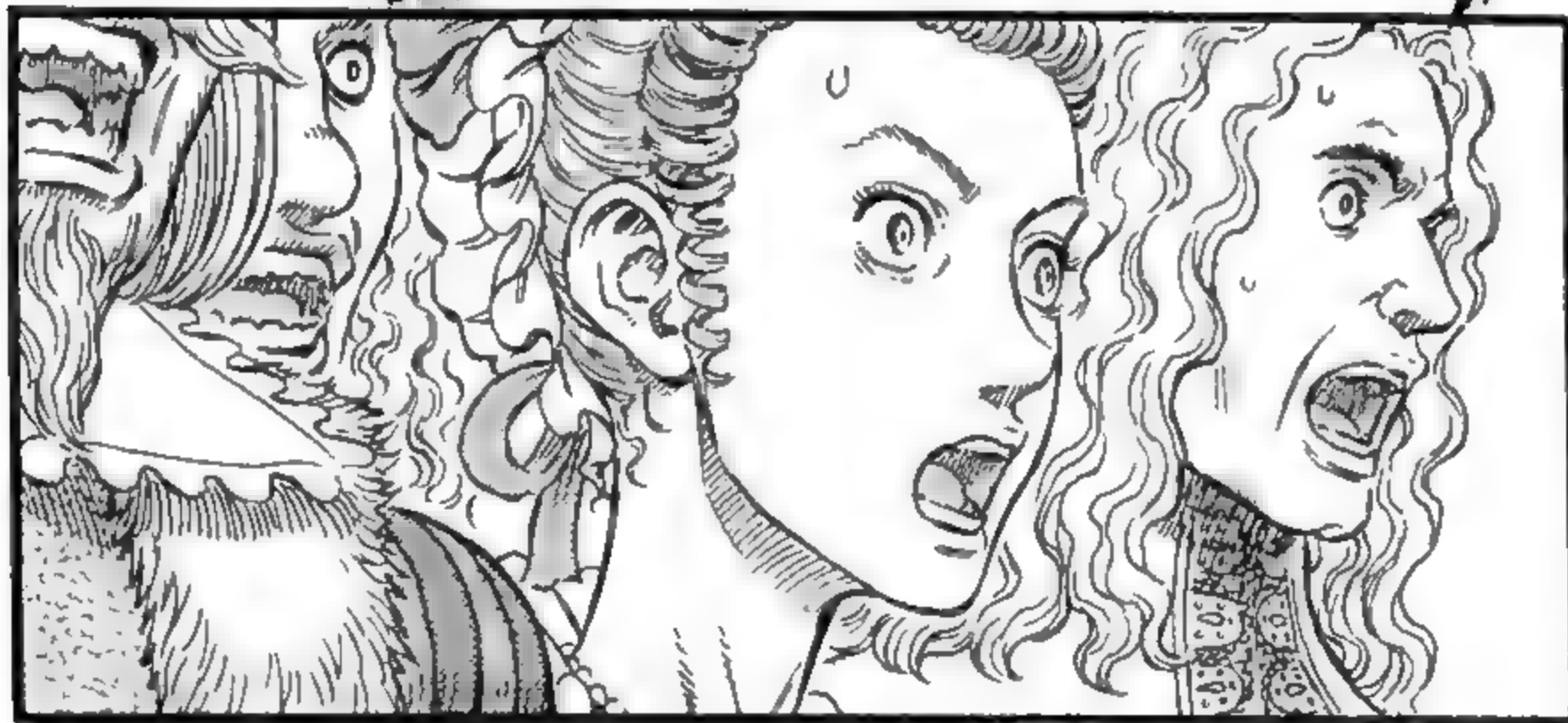
FX GORLLLL

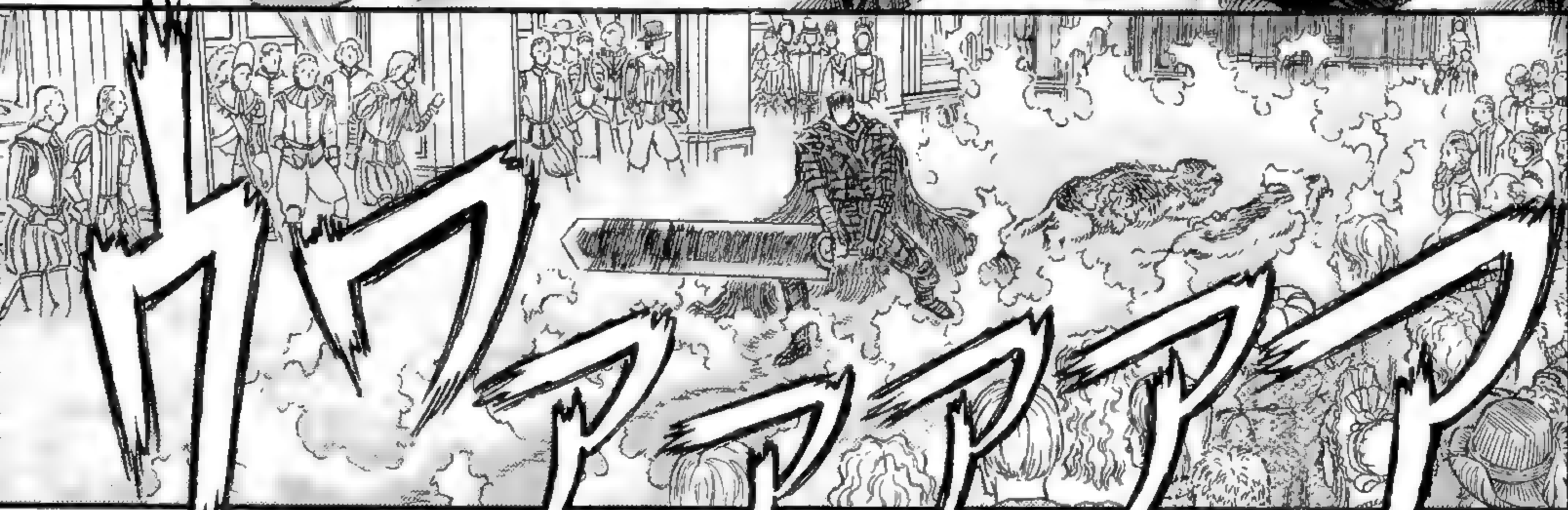
WHERE HAVE I...?

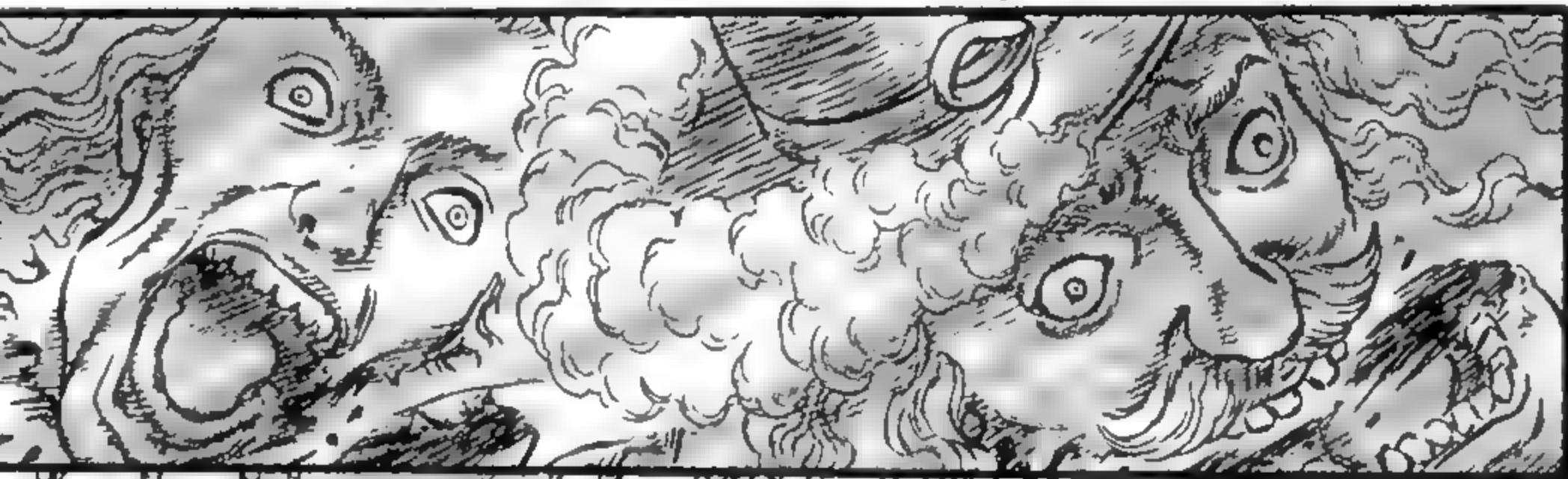
THAT MAN...

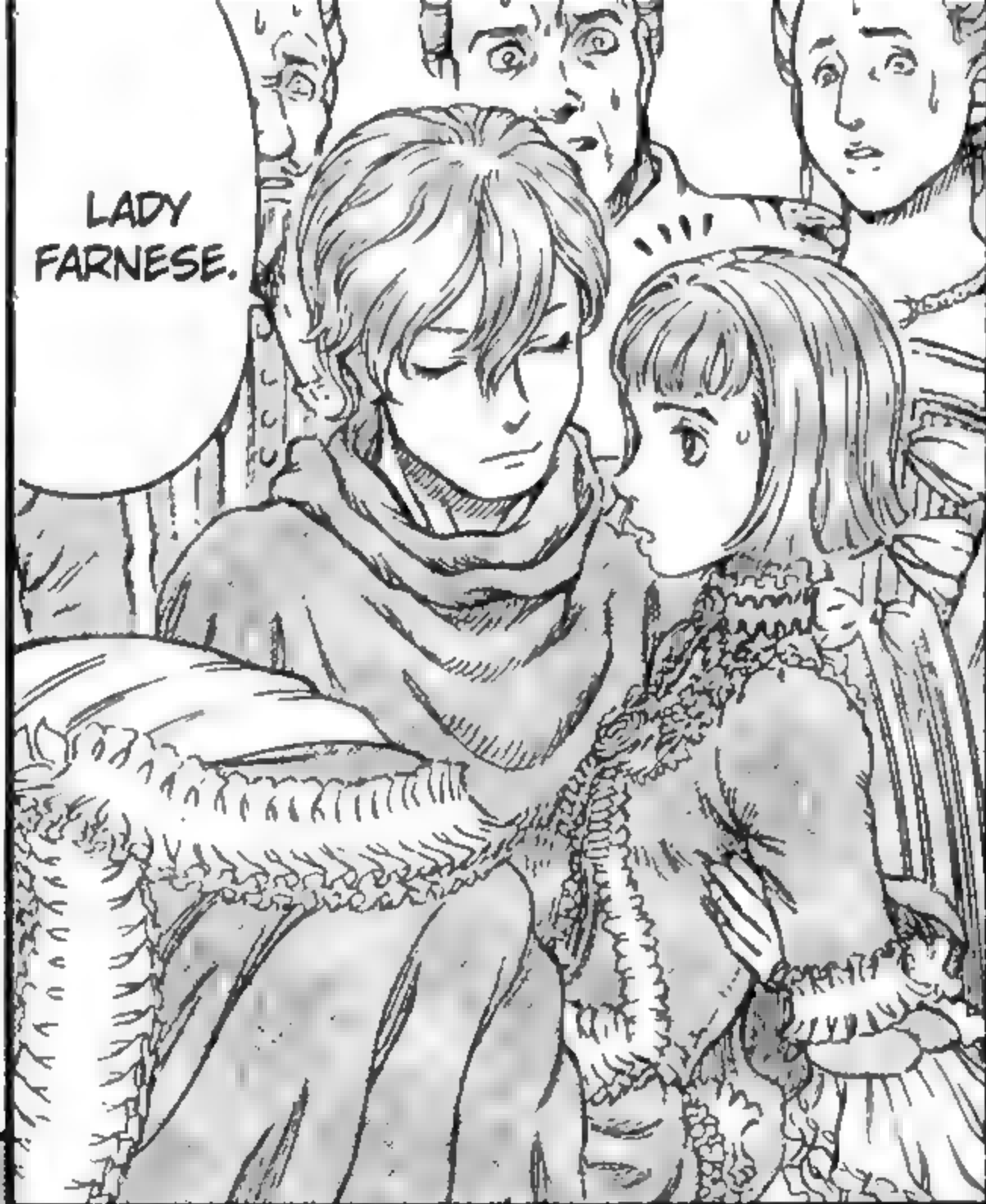












LADY FARNESE.



ゴリルル...
*GORLLLL

W-
WE'RE
DONE
FOR
...!!

SO
MANY
...!!

EEEE!!



*WOOSH

?!



H-HE
FLEW?!

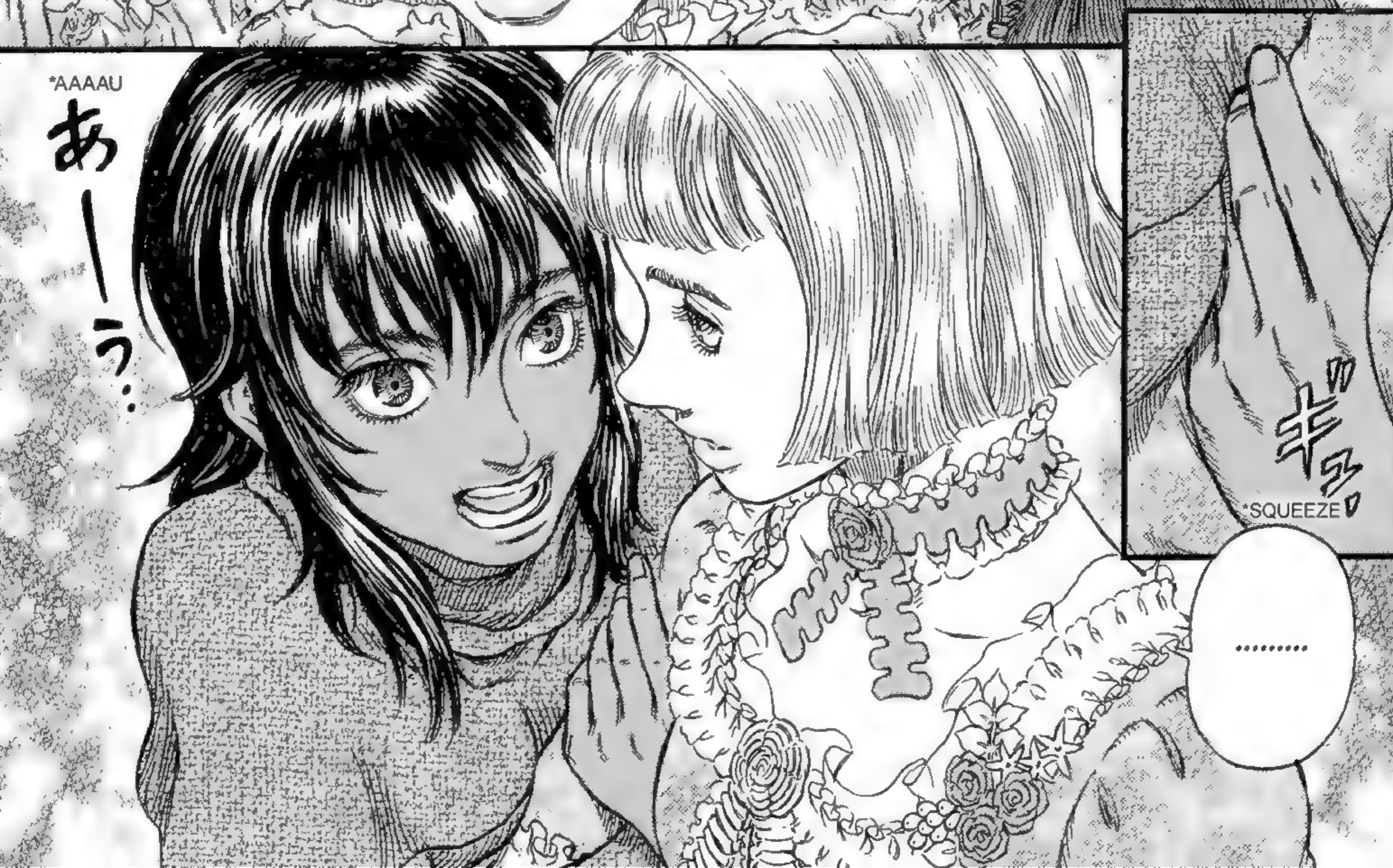
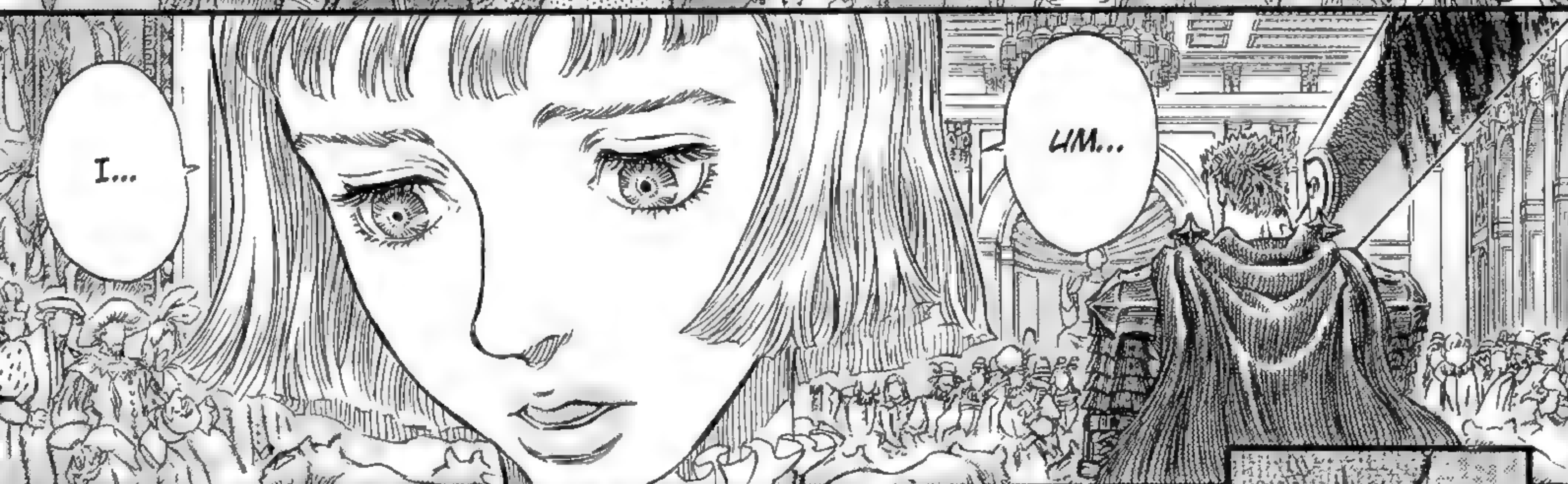


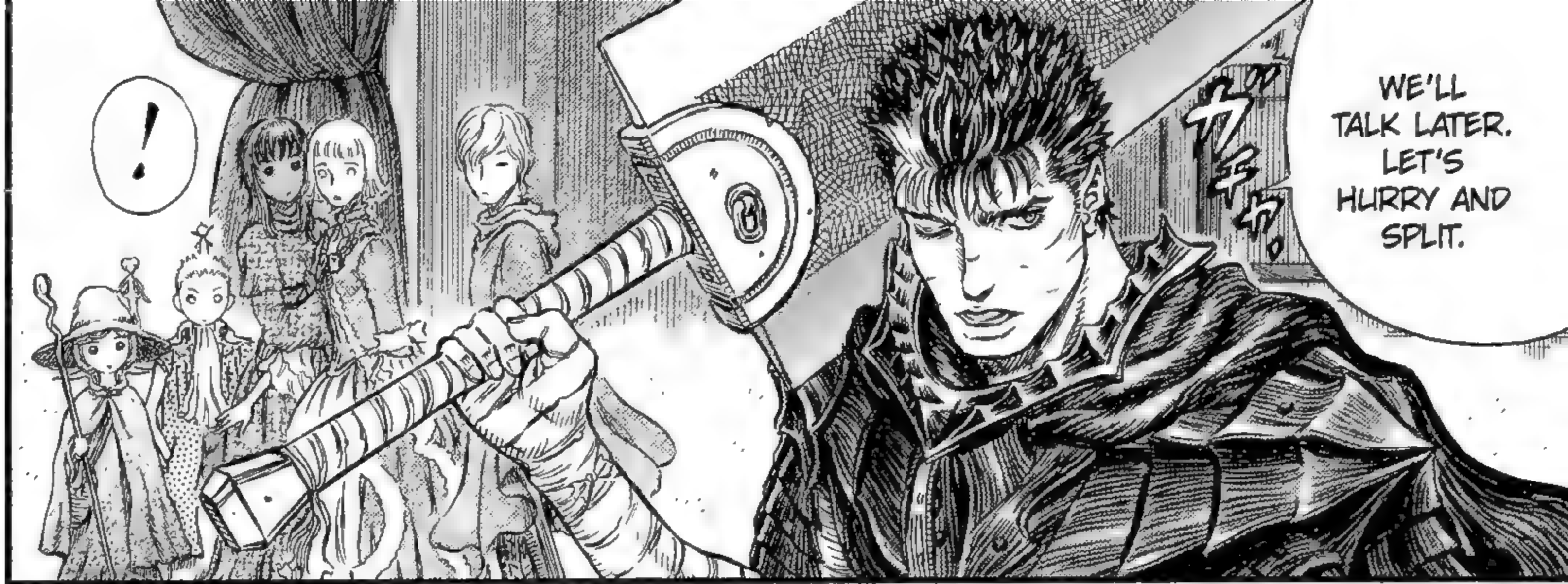
*VWISH



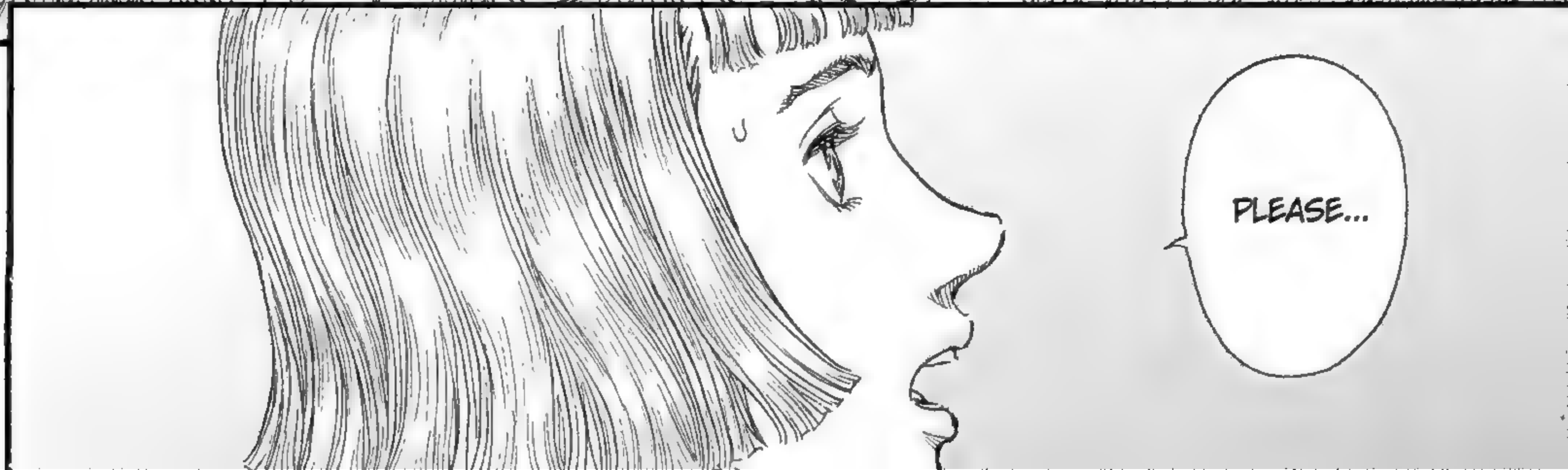
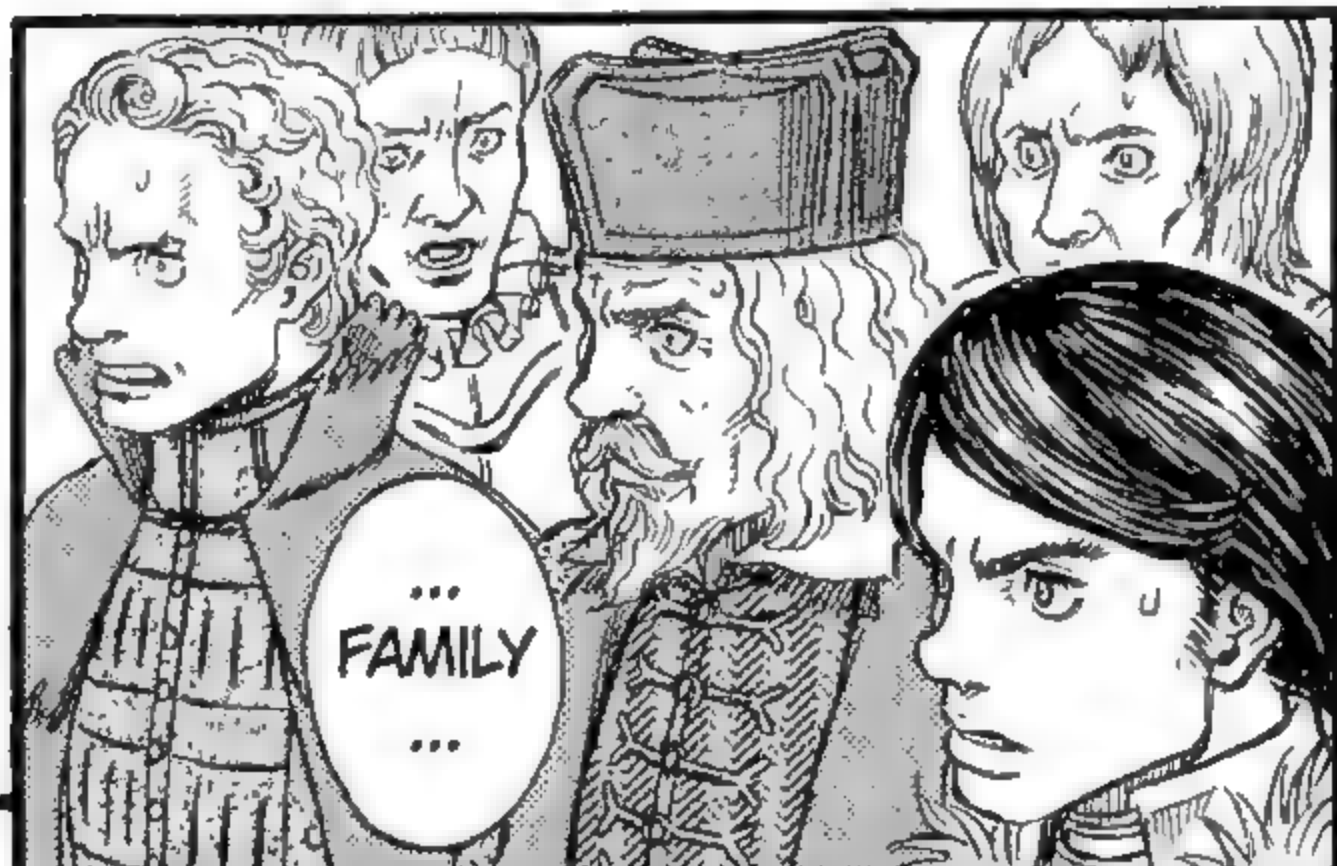
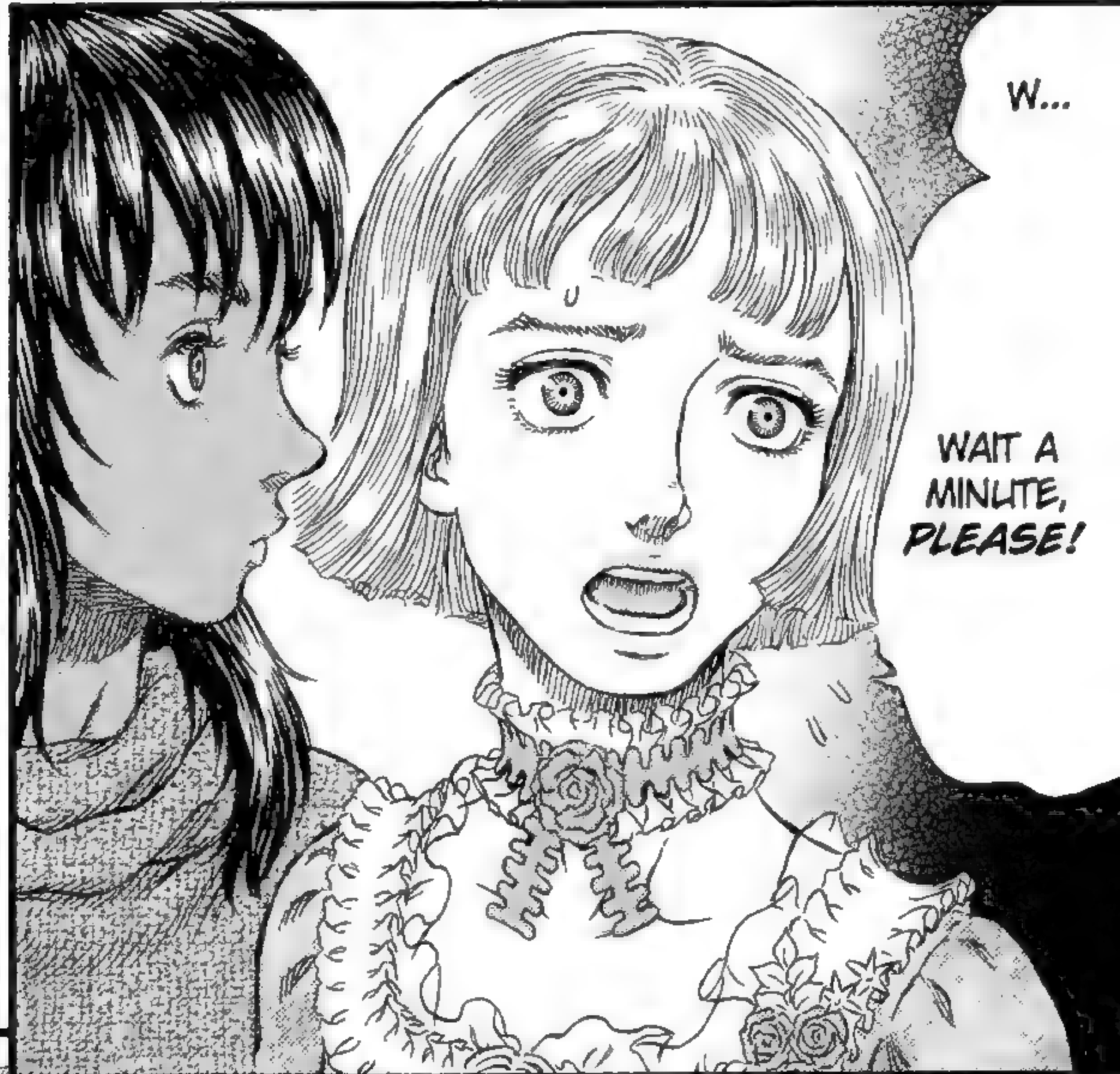
*THMP

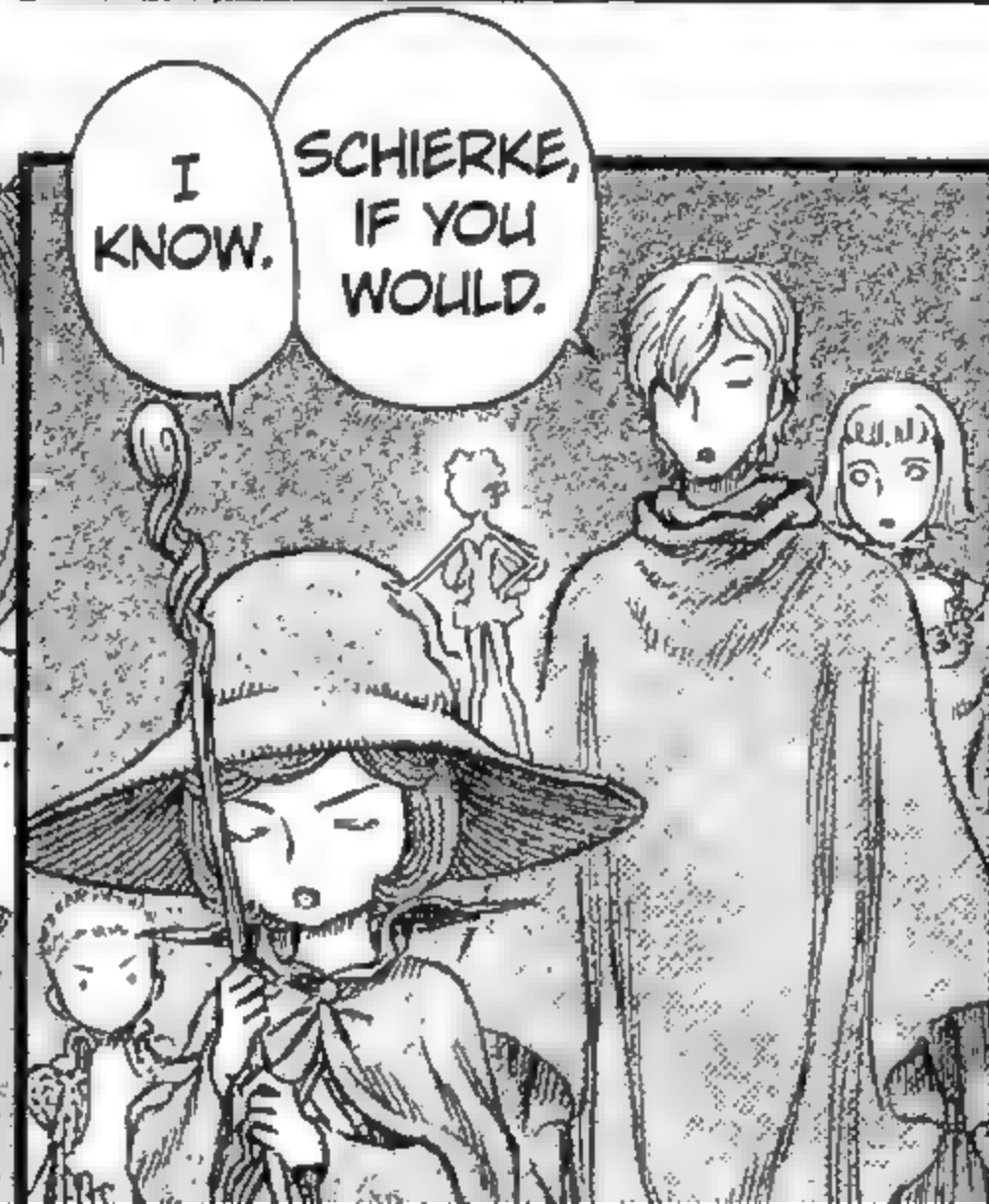
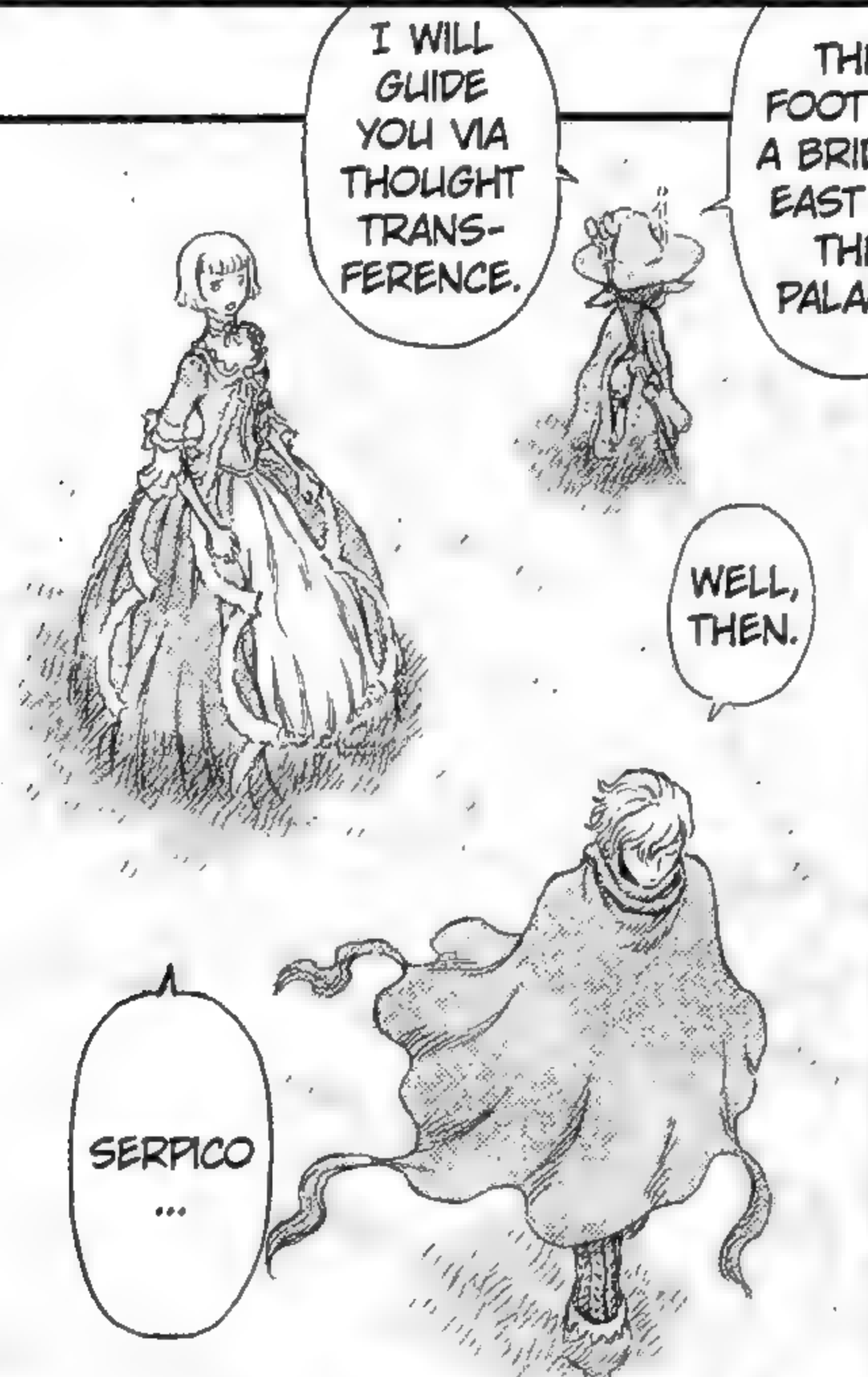
*WHRRLLL





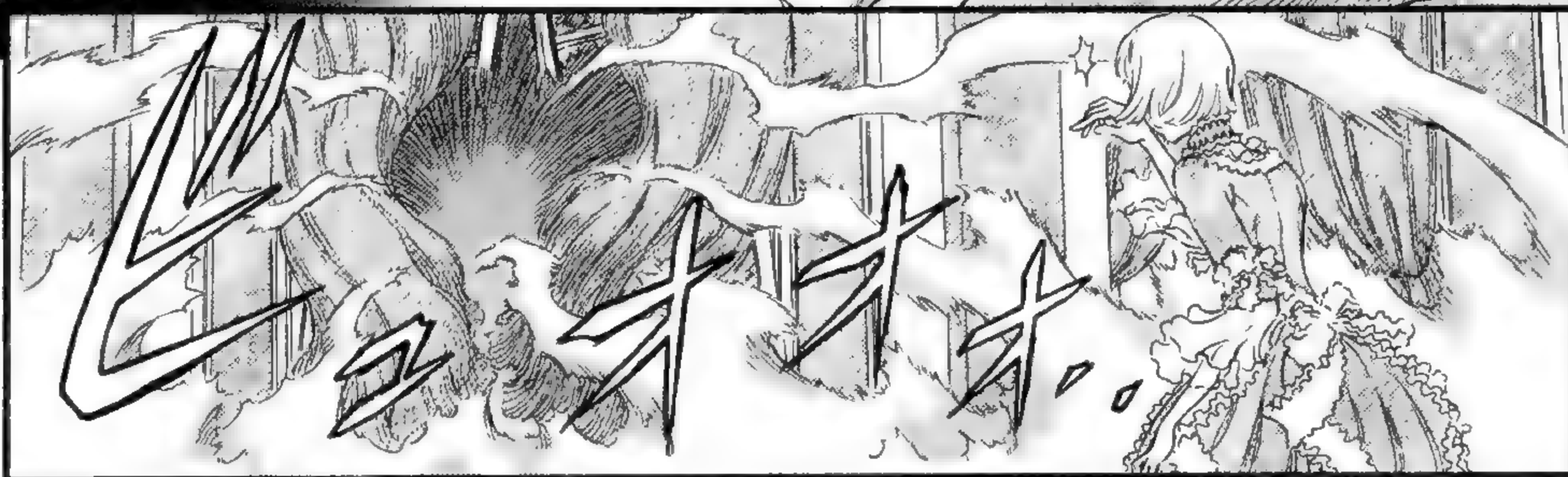
*FX: GCHAK





...AND
THEN
RETURN.

I WILL
FINISH
QUICKLY...

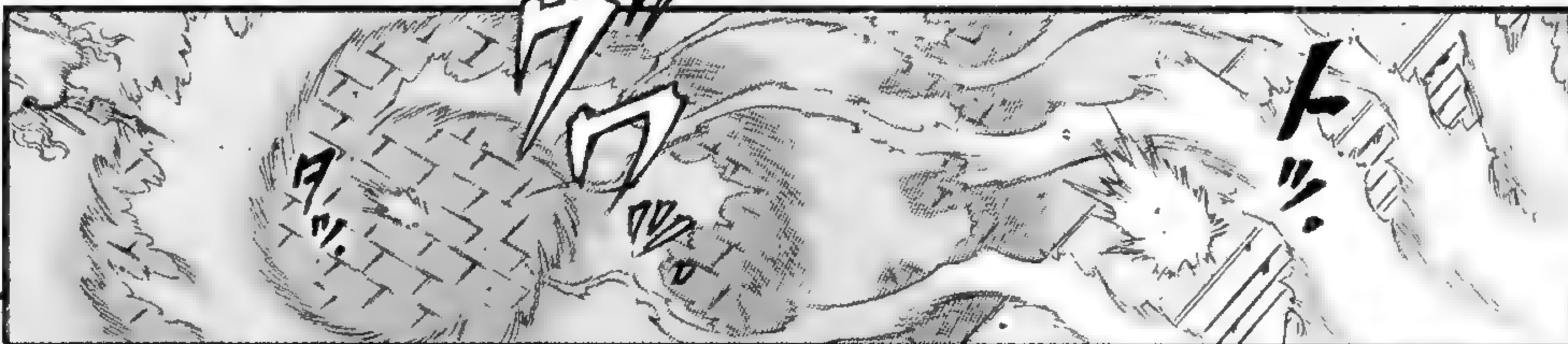


*FX: WHORLLL

*FX: TAK

*VWASH

*FX: TMP



*GCHAK

...THIS OUGHT
TO GET ME
BACK ON MY
FEET.

WELL...





*GROHLL

*CHAK

*ZHA

*ZHA

*ZHA

*ZHA

*SHOPT

*SHWOK



*SPRING

*WHOK

*ZHAFF



THE RUSTED BIRDCAGE

錆びた鳥籠

BERSERK



*FX: GRRRRRR

*FX: HHHHHH







HE KILLED
FOUR OF THOSE
MONSTERS IN
THE BLINK OF
AN EYE...!!

*OH-H-H-H-H-H

WH-WHAT
IS THIS
MAN?!



IGH!

アッ...

*FX: GRRRR



NAY, FOR
MINE...

I-I MUST
HAVE HIM
FOR MY
ARMY...

Y-YOU
WILL NOT
SNATCH
HIM
AWAY...!!

*FX: HYAH-H-H-H

*SWIPE

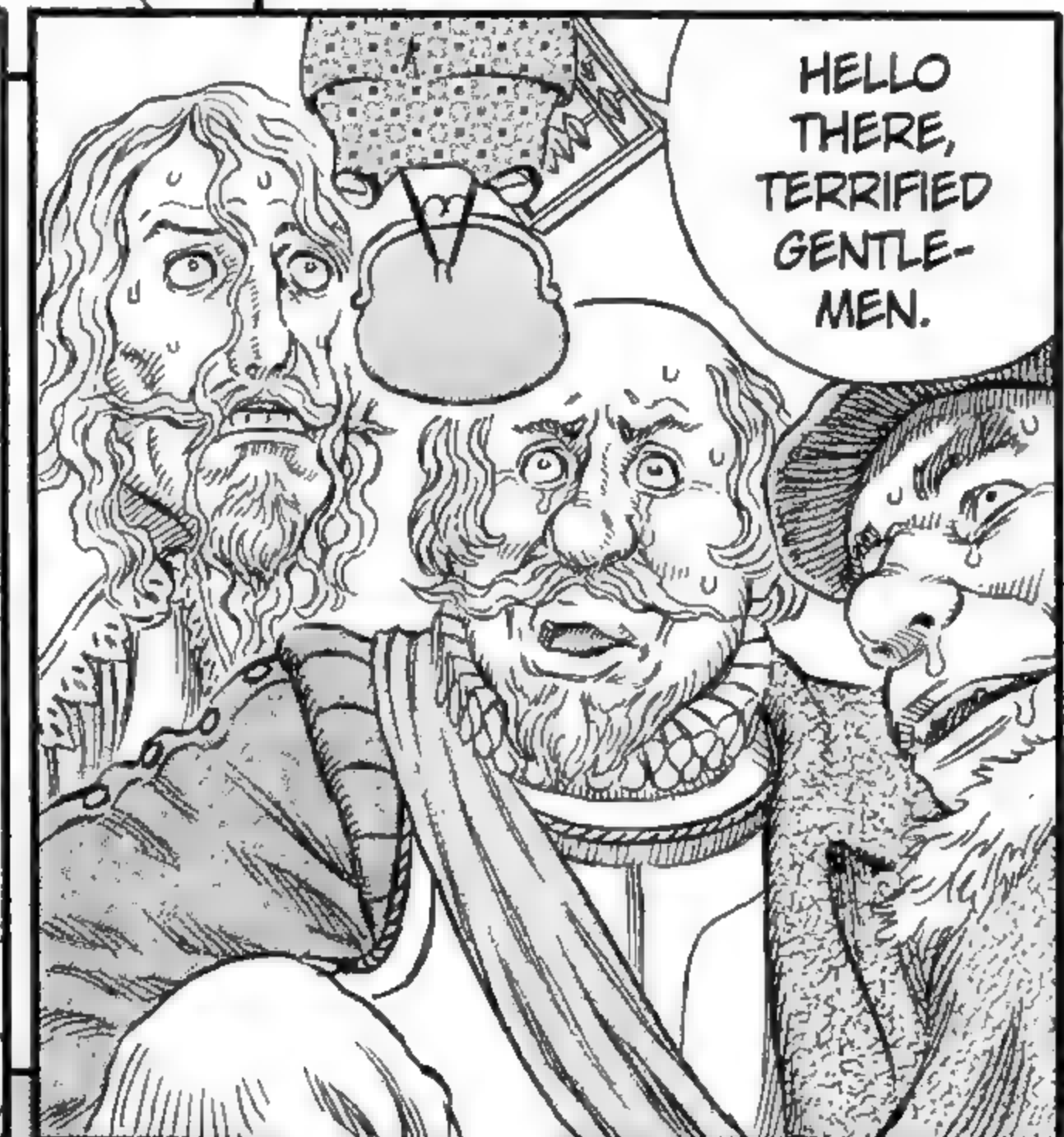
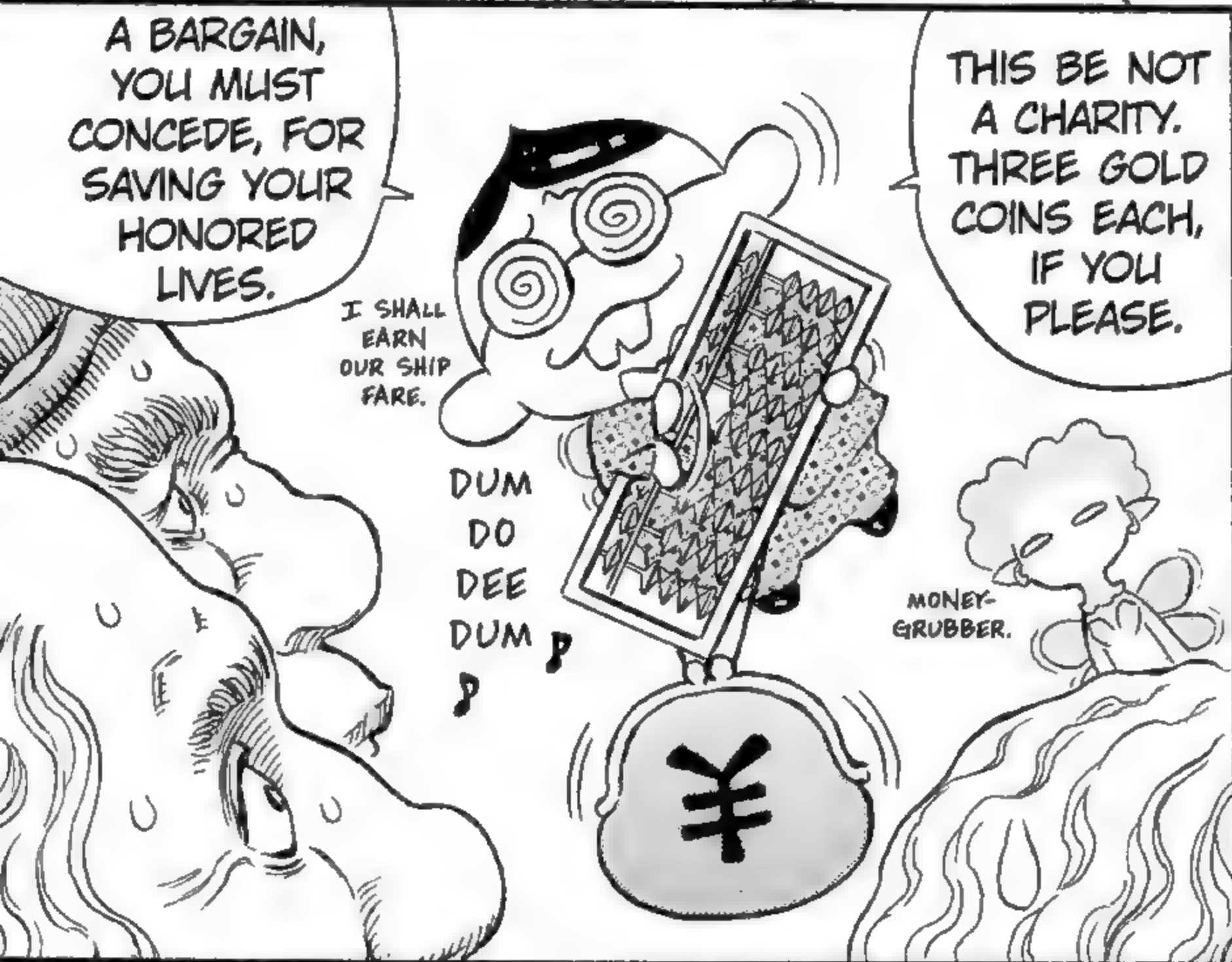
*FX: RAWWR

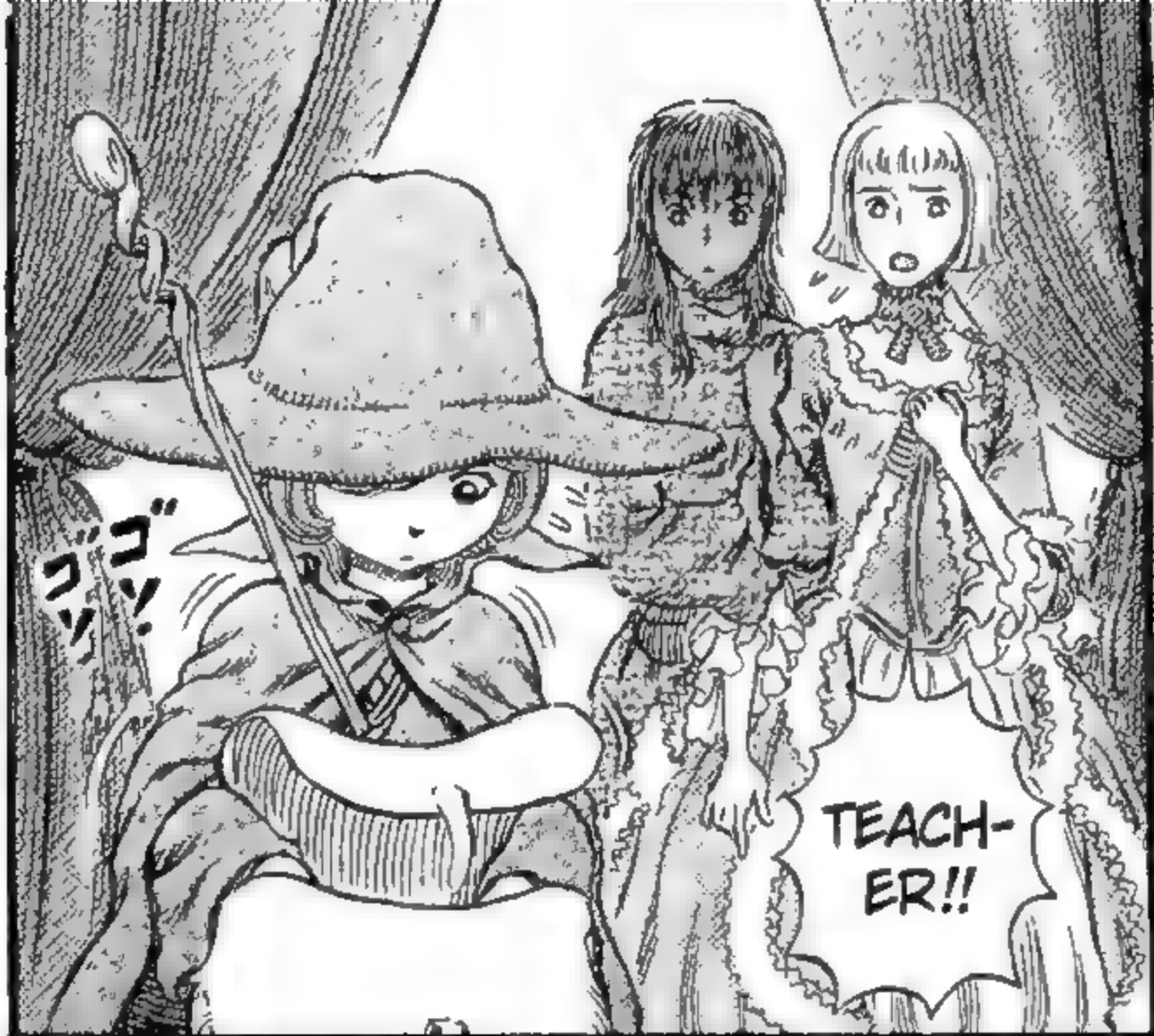


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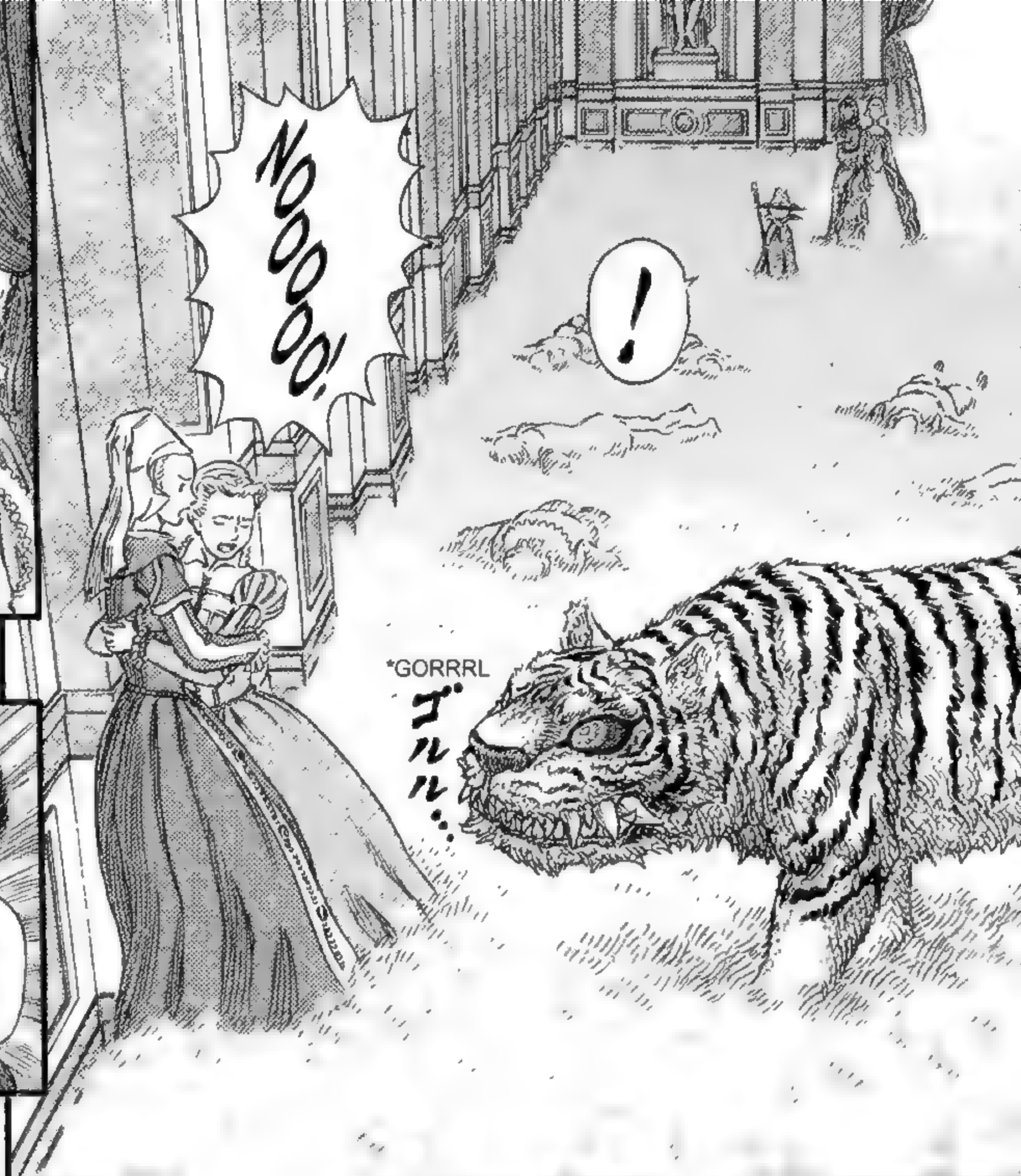
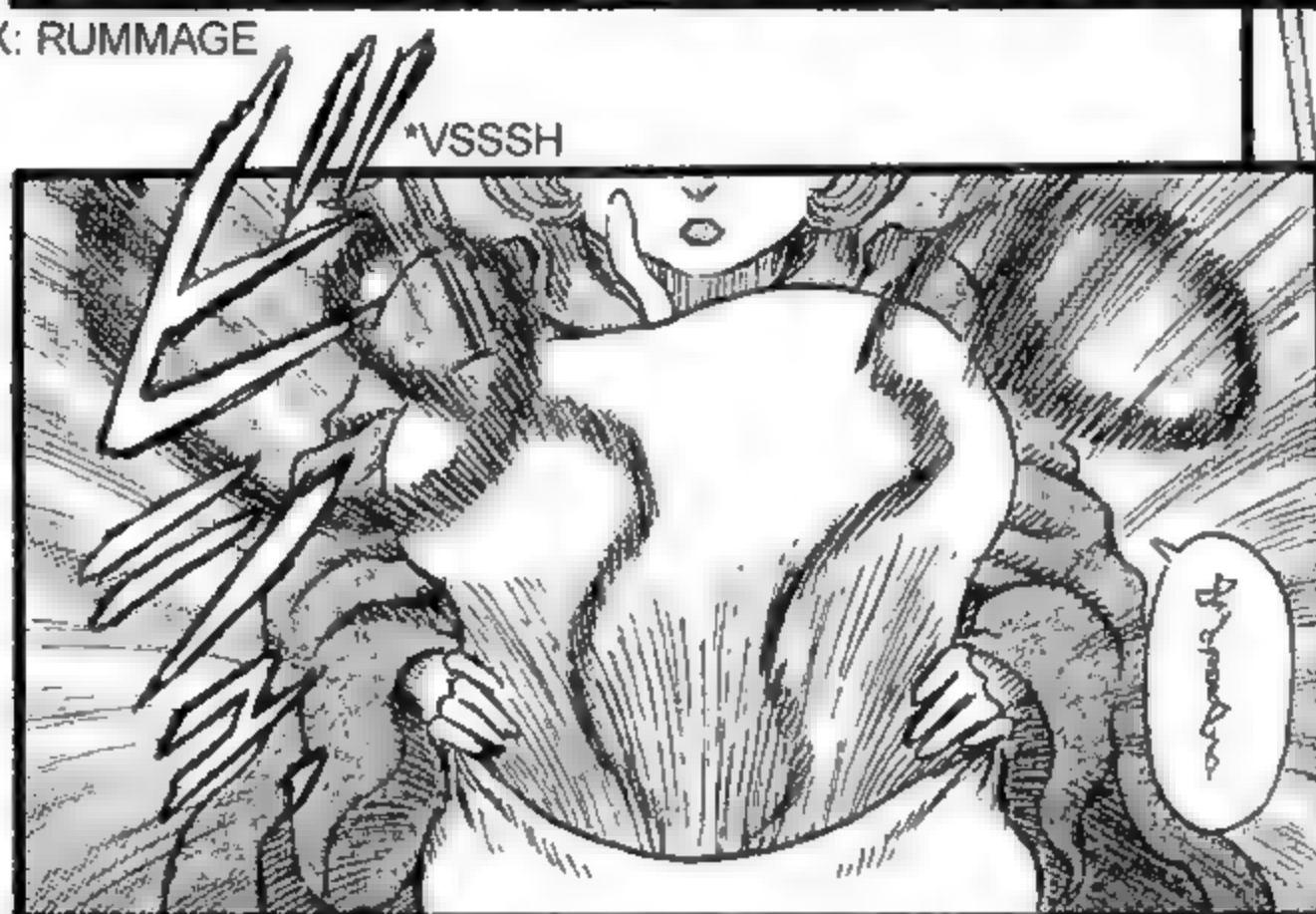


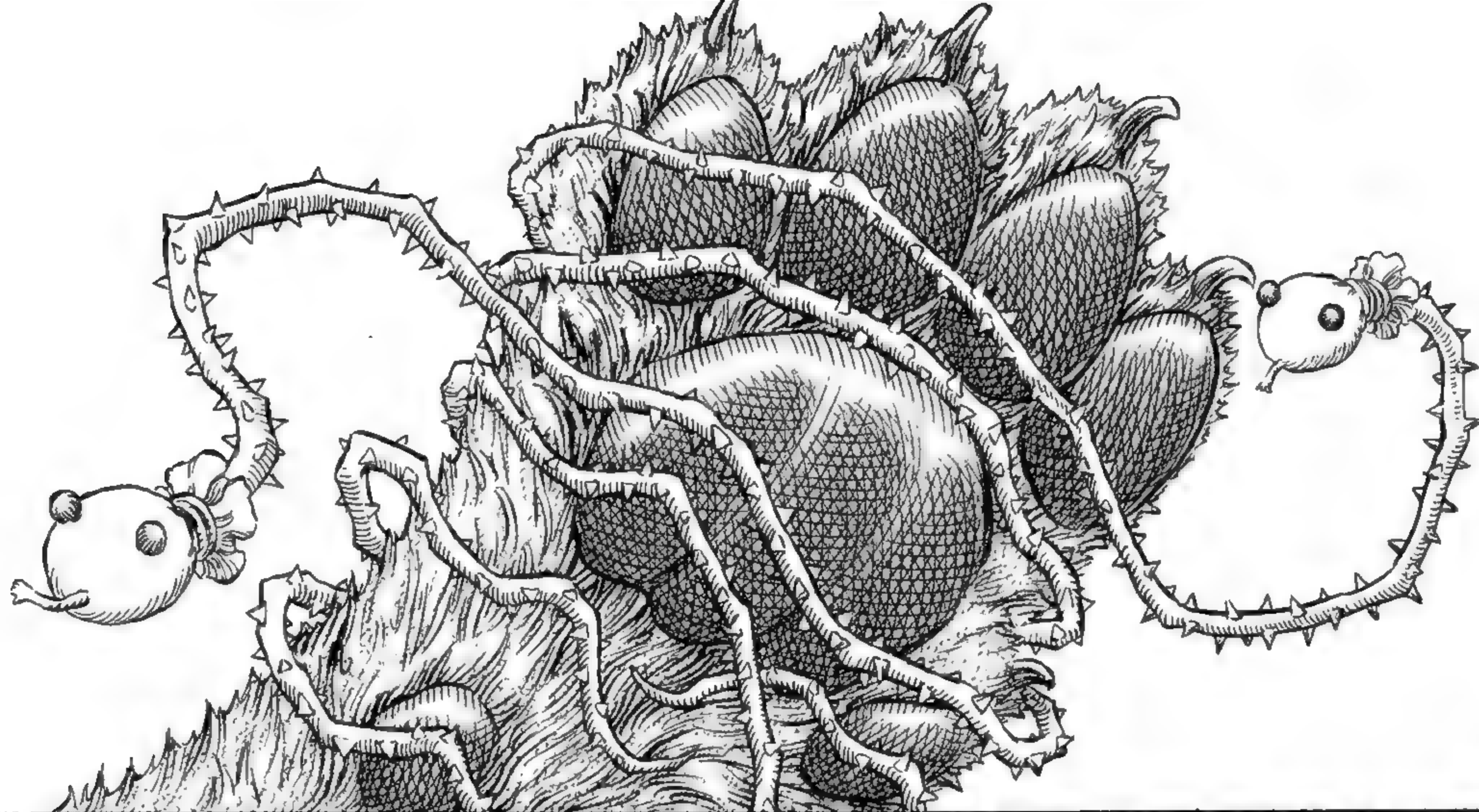
*ZBAMM





*FX: RUMMAGE



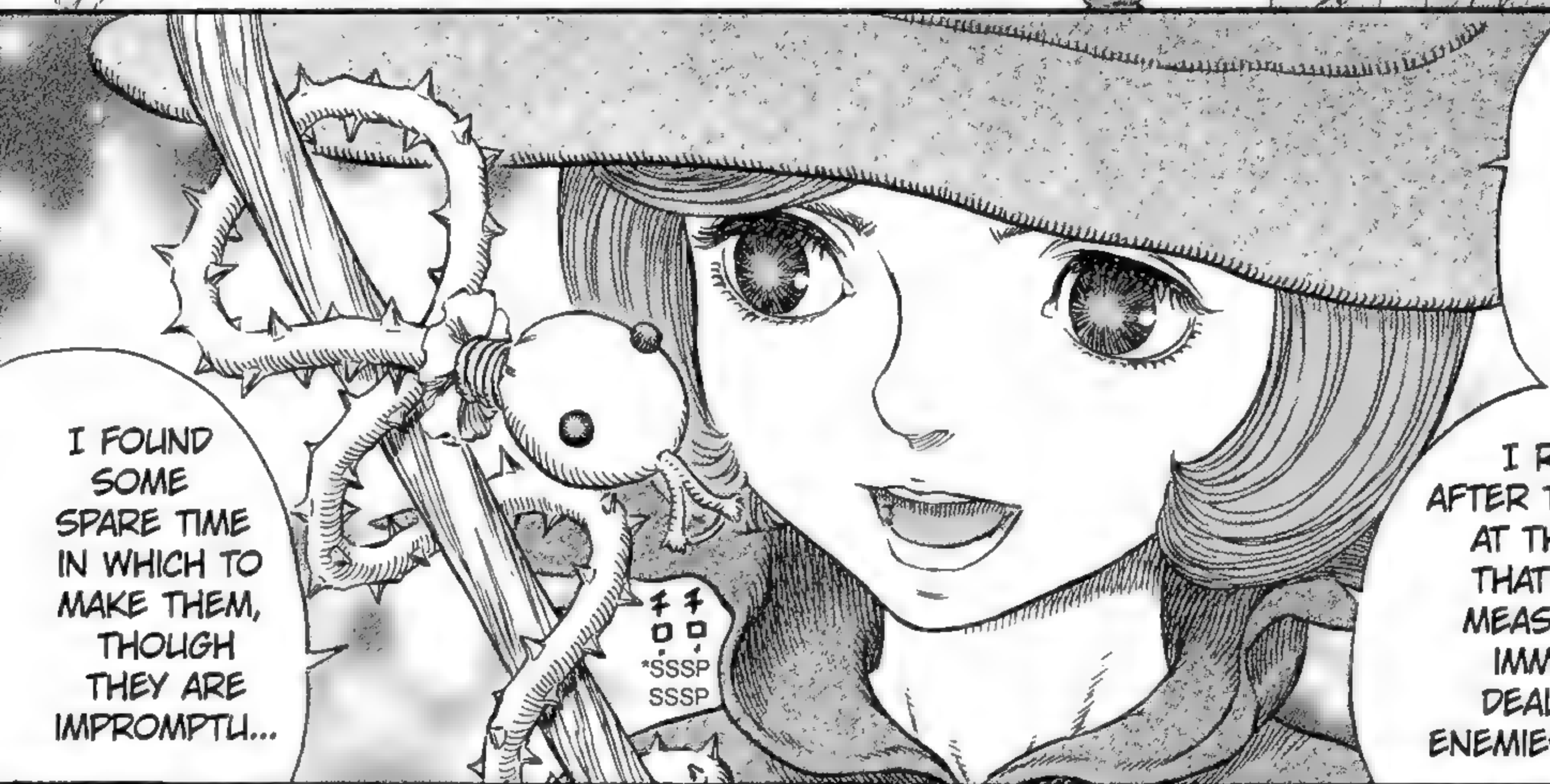


ギョウウ... *GRAWW

I CALL DIBS!

THORN SNAKES.

WHAT ARE...?



I FOUND SOME SPARE TIME IN WHICH TO MAKE THEM, THOUGH THEY ARE IMPROMPTU...

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oo
*SSSP
SSSP

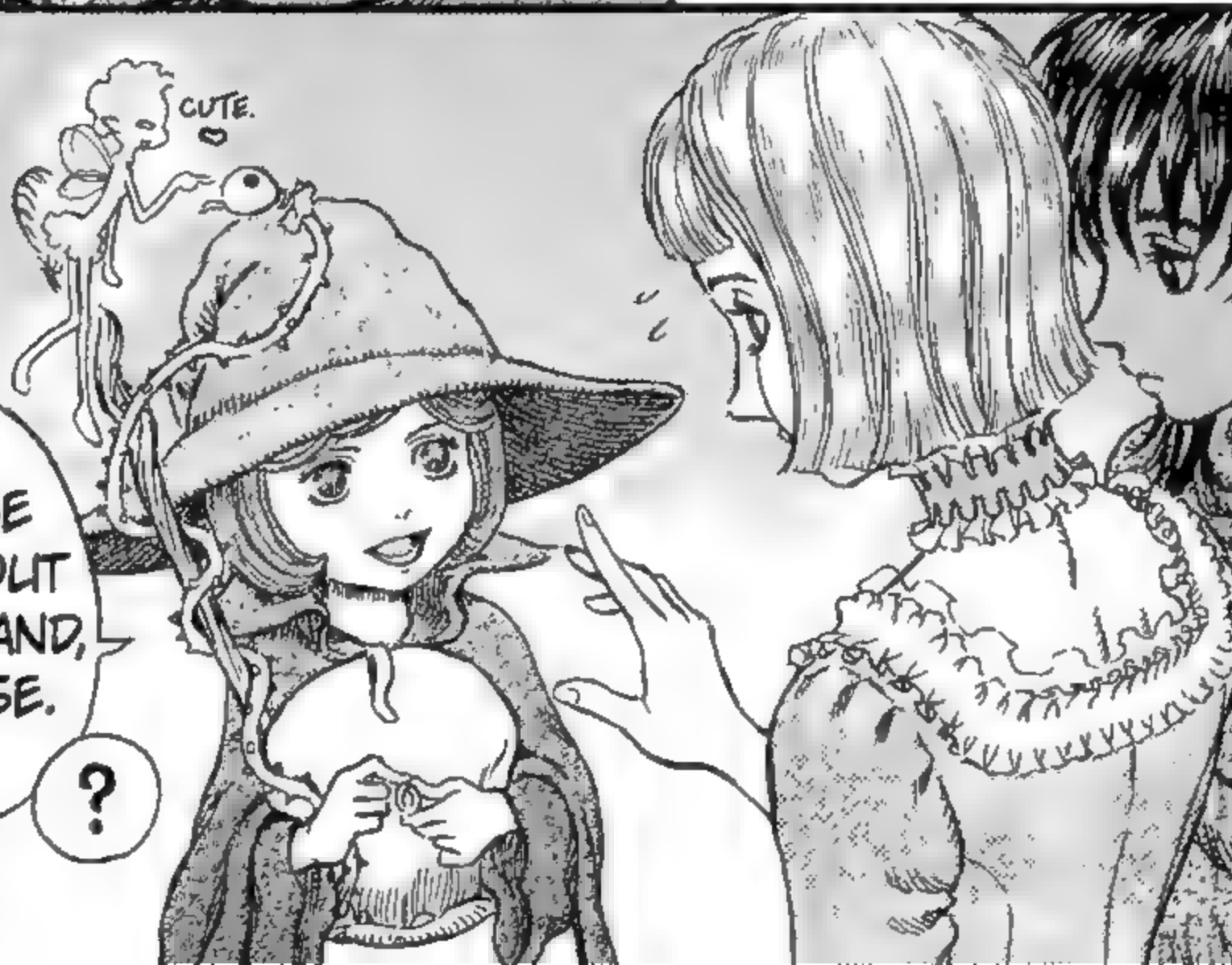
THEY ARE FAMILIARS I CREATED.

I REALIZED AFTER THE INCIDENT AT THE SHORE THAT WE NEED MEASURES FOR IMMEDIATELY DEALING WITH ENEMIES OF FLESH.

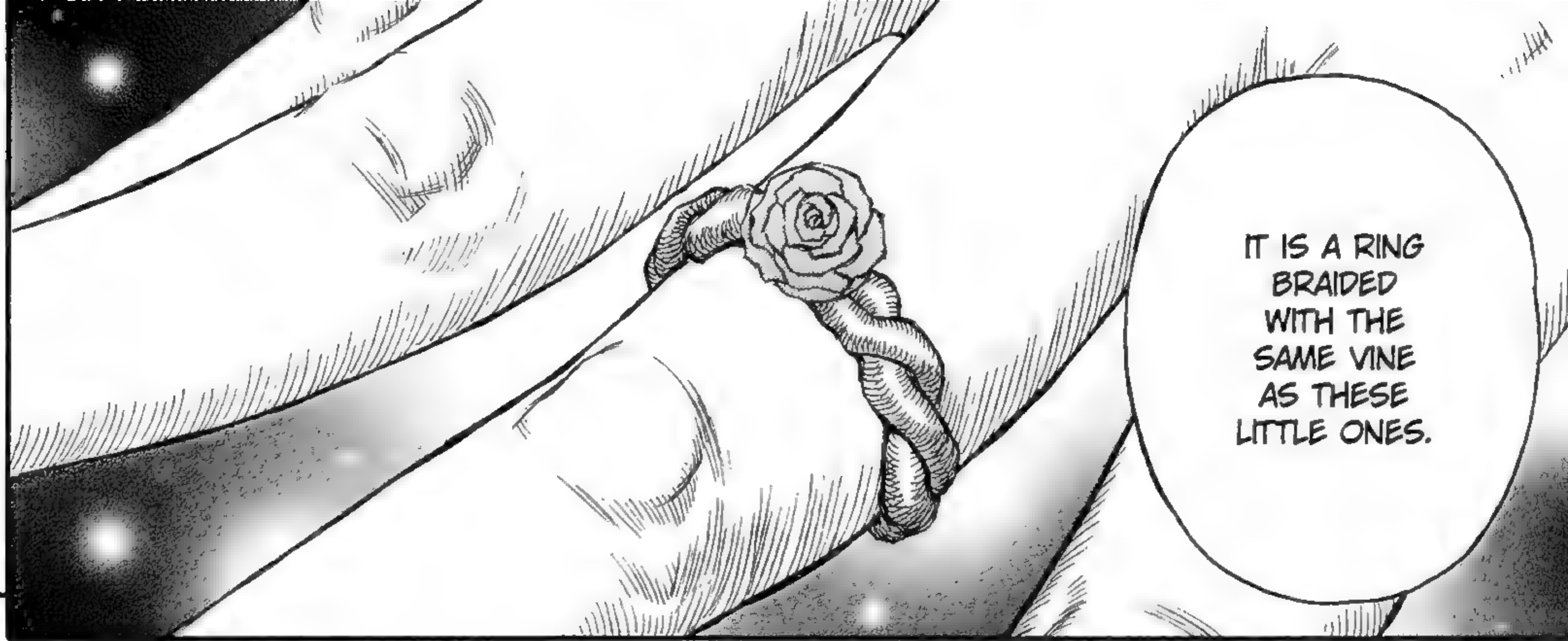
TAKE THIS.

PLEASE HOLD OUT YOUR HAND, FARNESE.

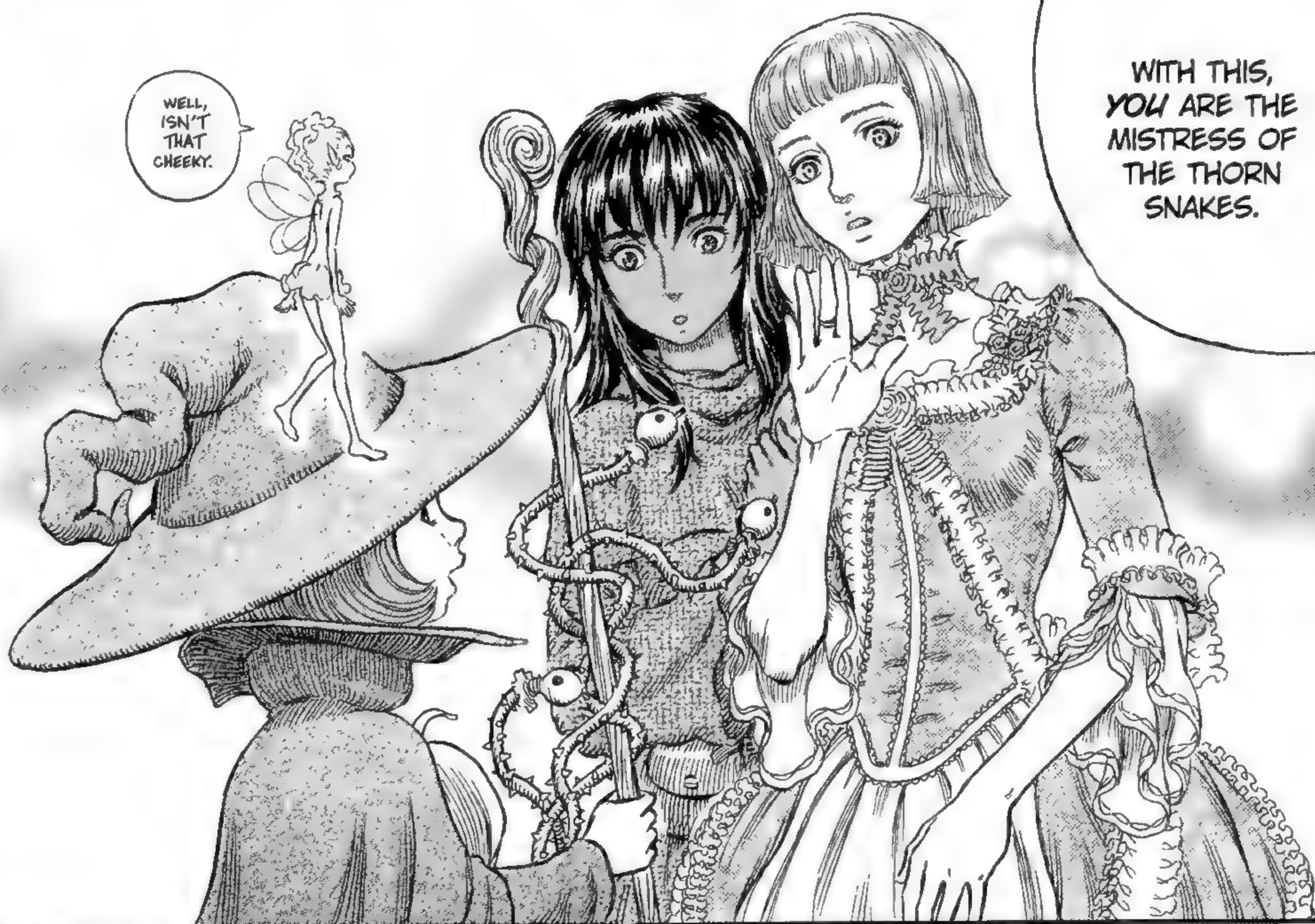
?



CUTE.



IT IS A RING
BRAIDED
WITH THE
SAME VINE
AS THESE
LITTLE ONES.



WELL,
ISN'T
THAT
CHEEKY.

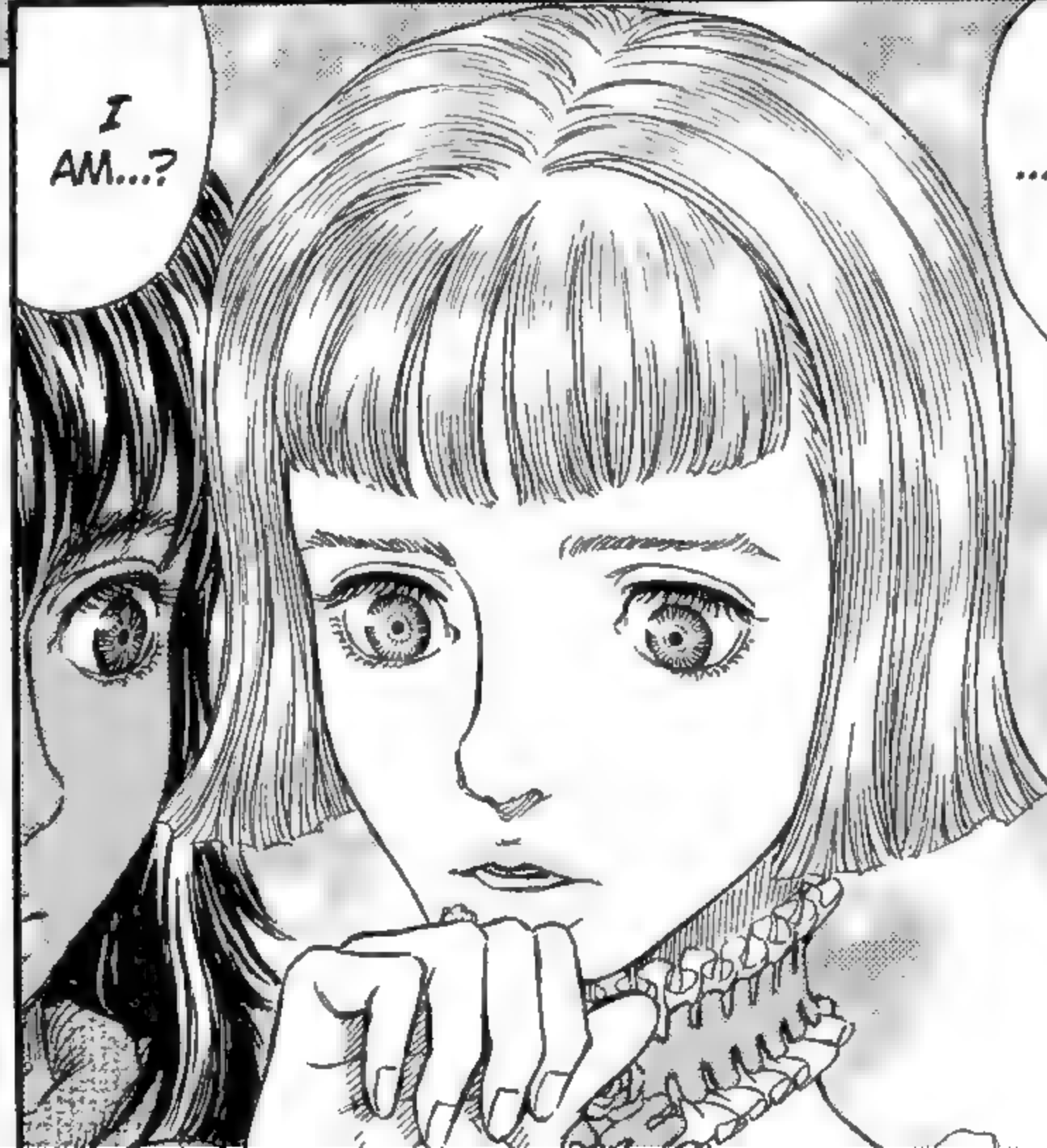
WITH THIS,
YOU ARE THE
MISTRESS OF
THE THORN
SNAKES.



I'LL
LETTCHA
BORROW
'EM, BUT
I'M THEIR
TRUE MIS-
TRESS.

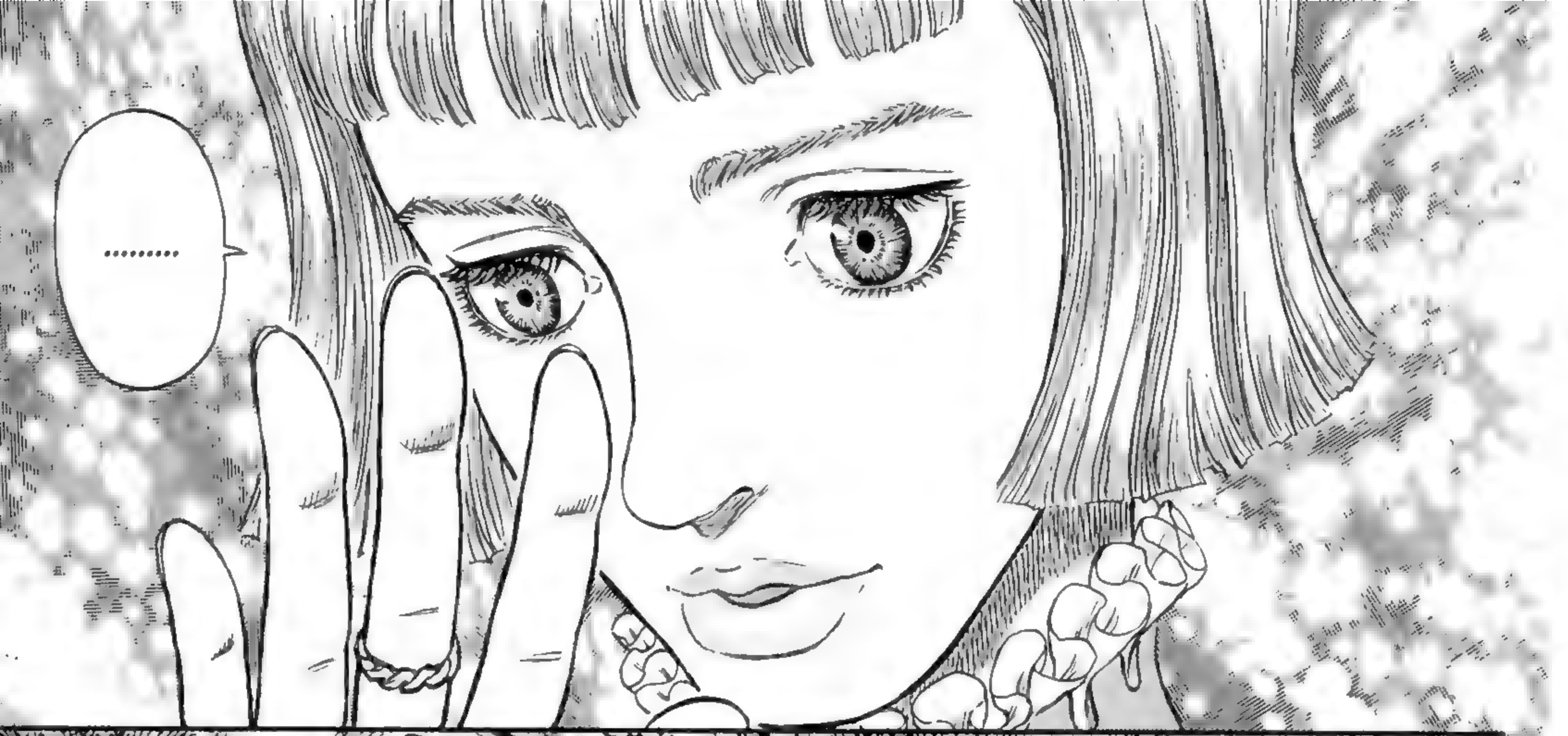
YOU CAN
HANDLE THEM
AT YOUR
LEVEL.

IT IS
ALL
RIGHT.



I
AM...?

.....







*RAWWR

WH-DA!



*CHING



*GRAW!

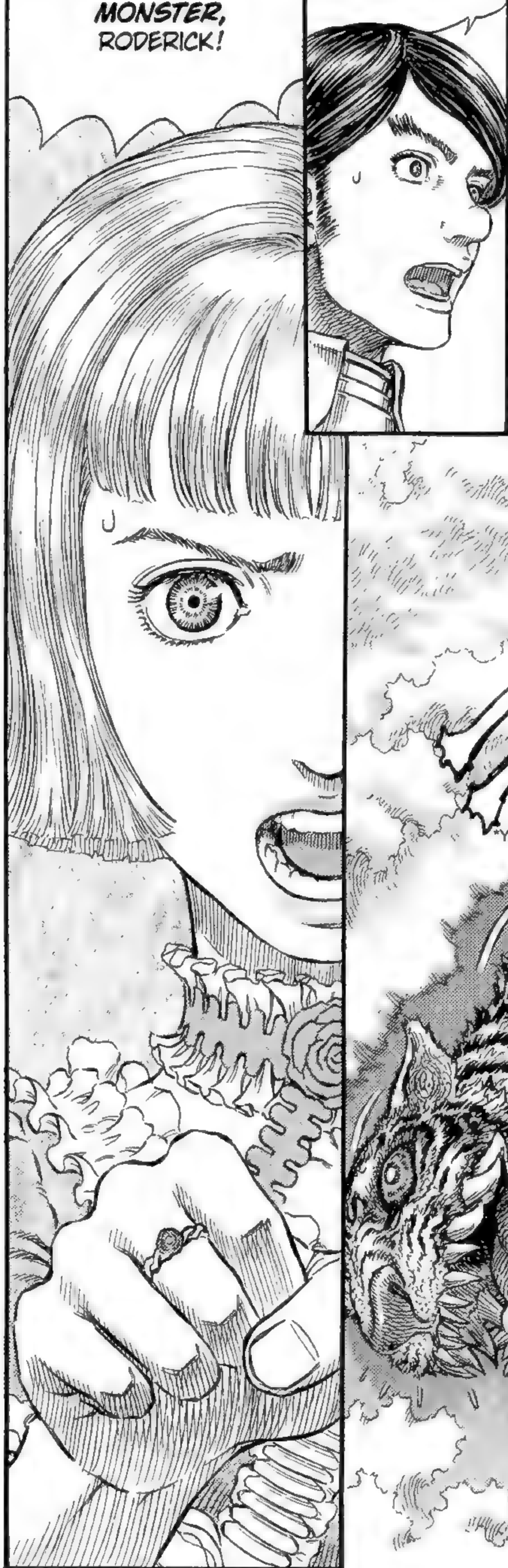
*SHFFF

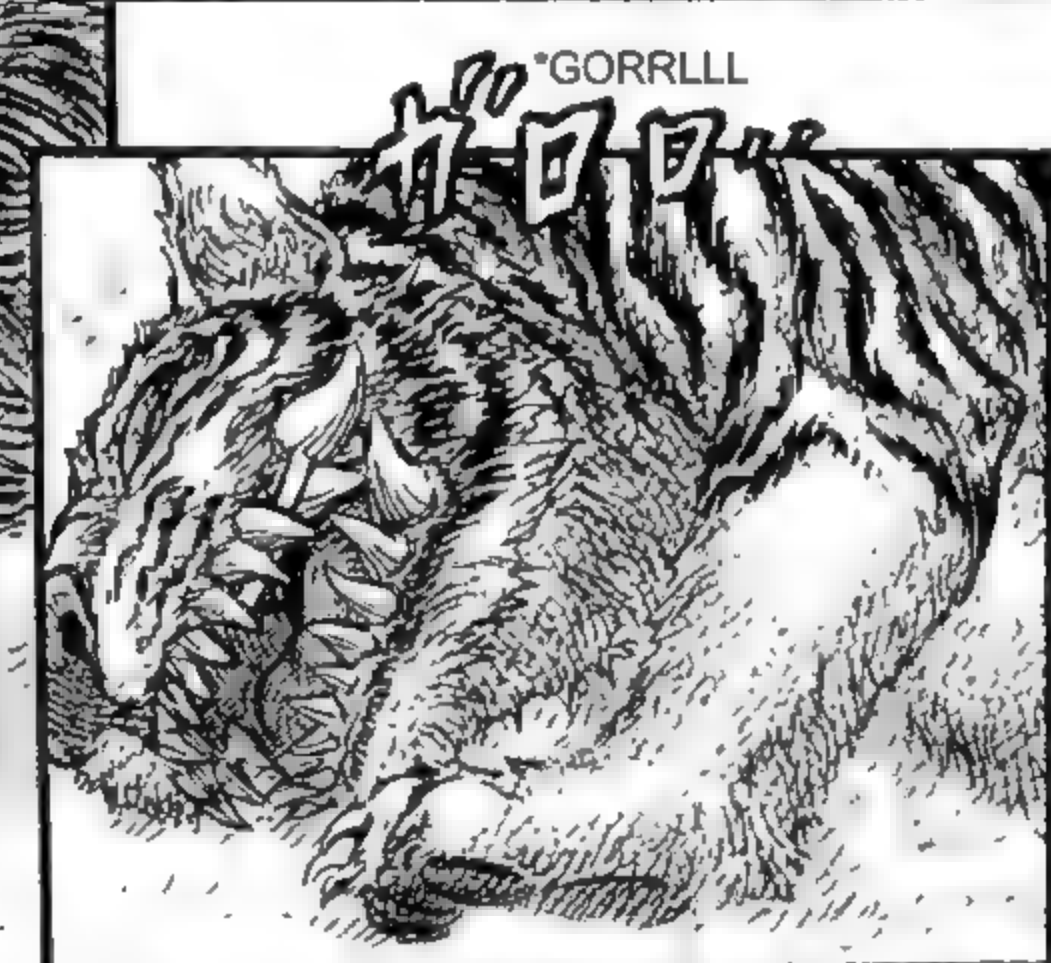
*SNAG

?!

PLEASE
USE SILVER...
A SILVER
WEAPON
AGAINST THAT
MONSTER,
RODERICK!

FARNESE,
YOU DID
THAT?!

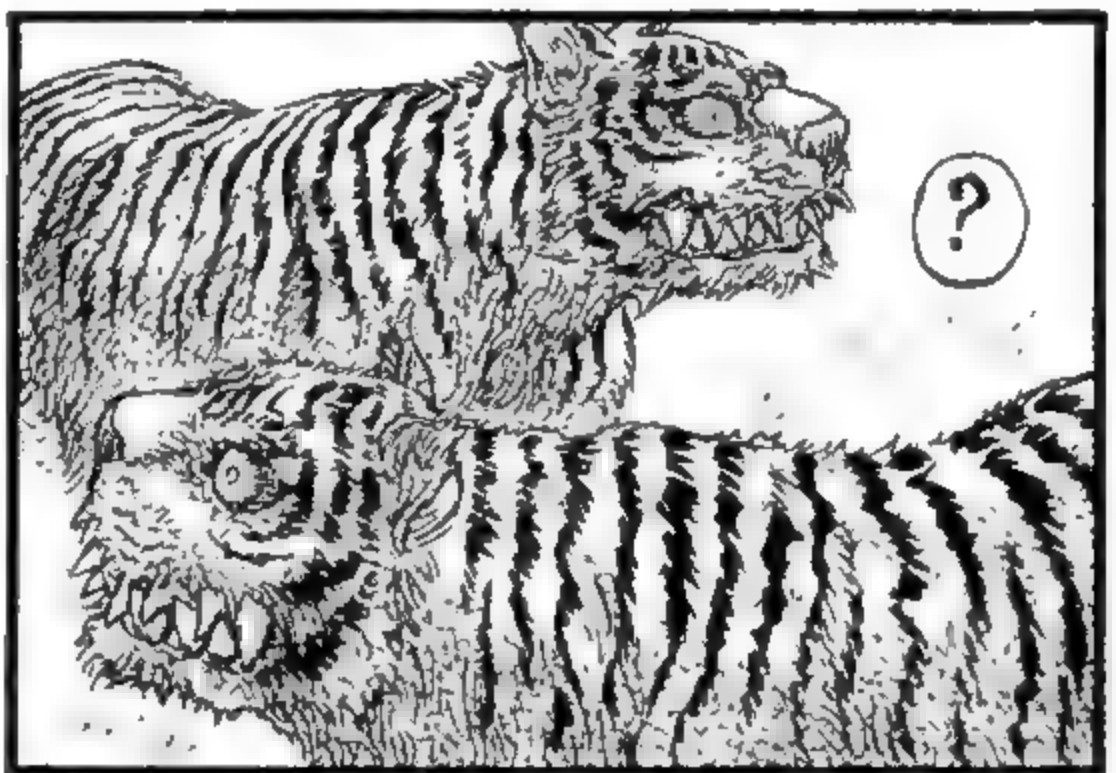








*FX: GRRRR



THEY
JUST
STOPPED
MOVING.

WHAT
THE
...?



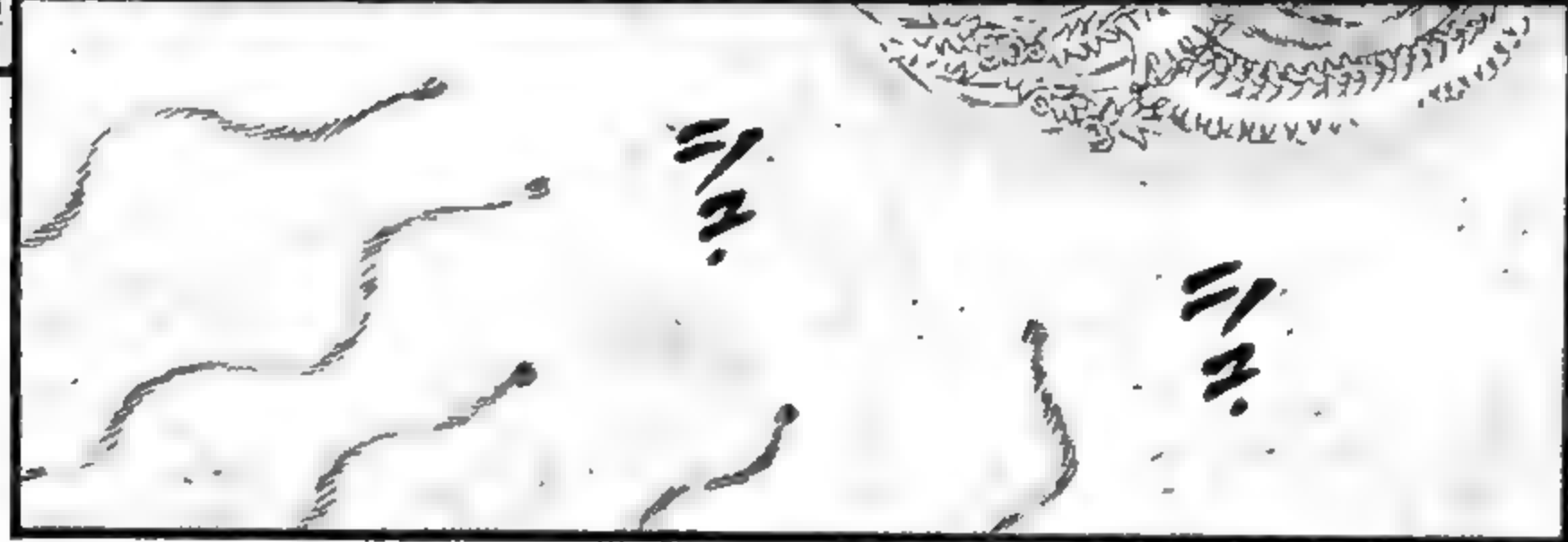
ヒタヒタ
HALT



THEY
MIGHT AS
WELL BE
STUFFED.

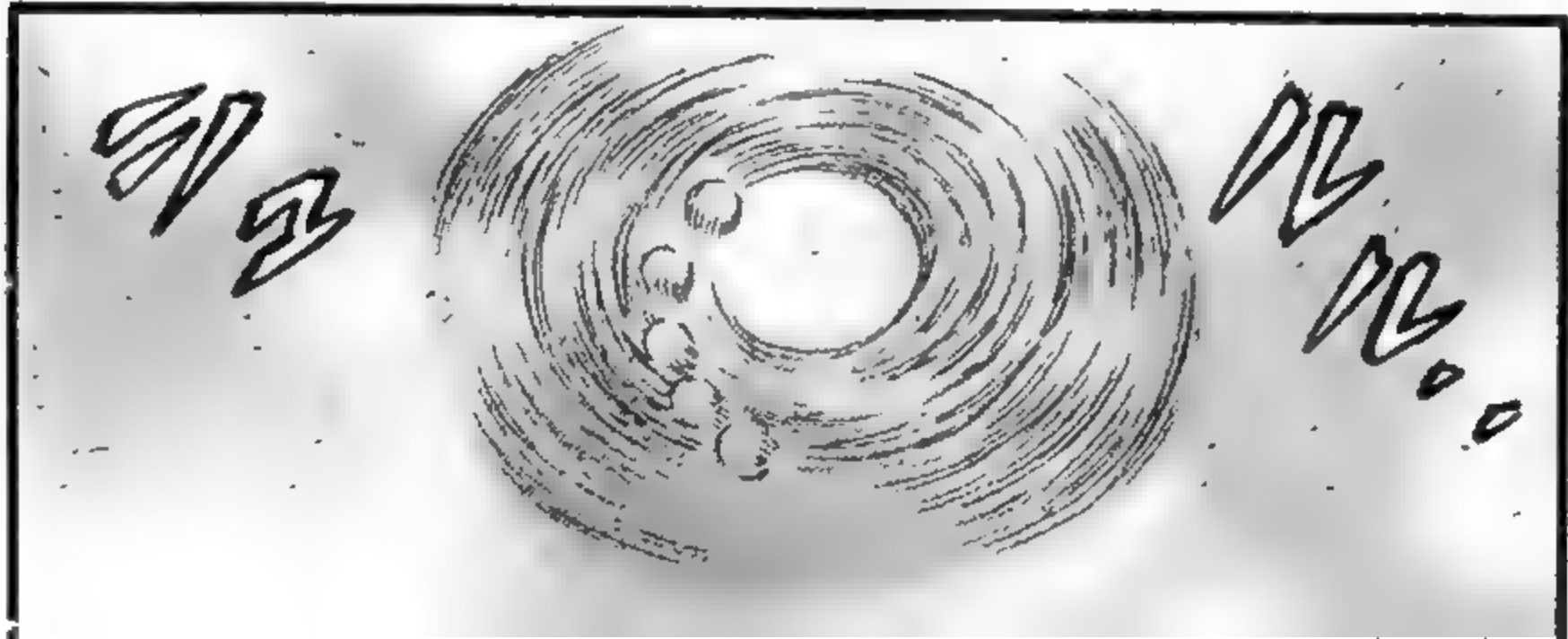
THEY ARE
NOW
COMPLETELY
BOUND...

...AND THEY
SHOULD NO
LONGER BE
ABLE TO
MOVE.



*FX: SHF SHF

*FX: SHLLLLF



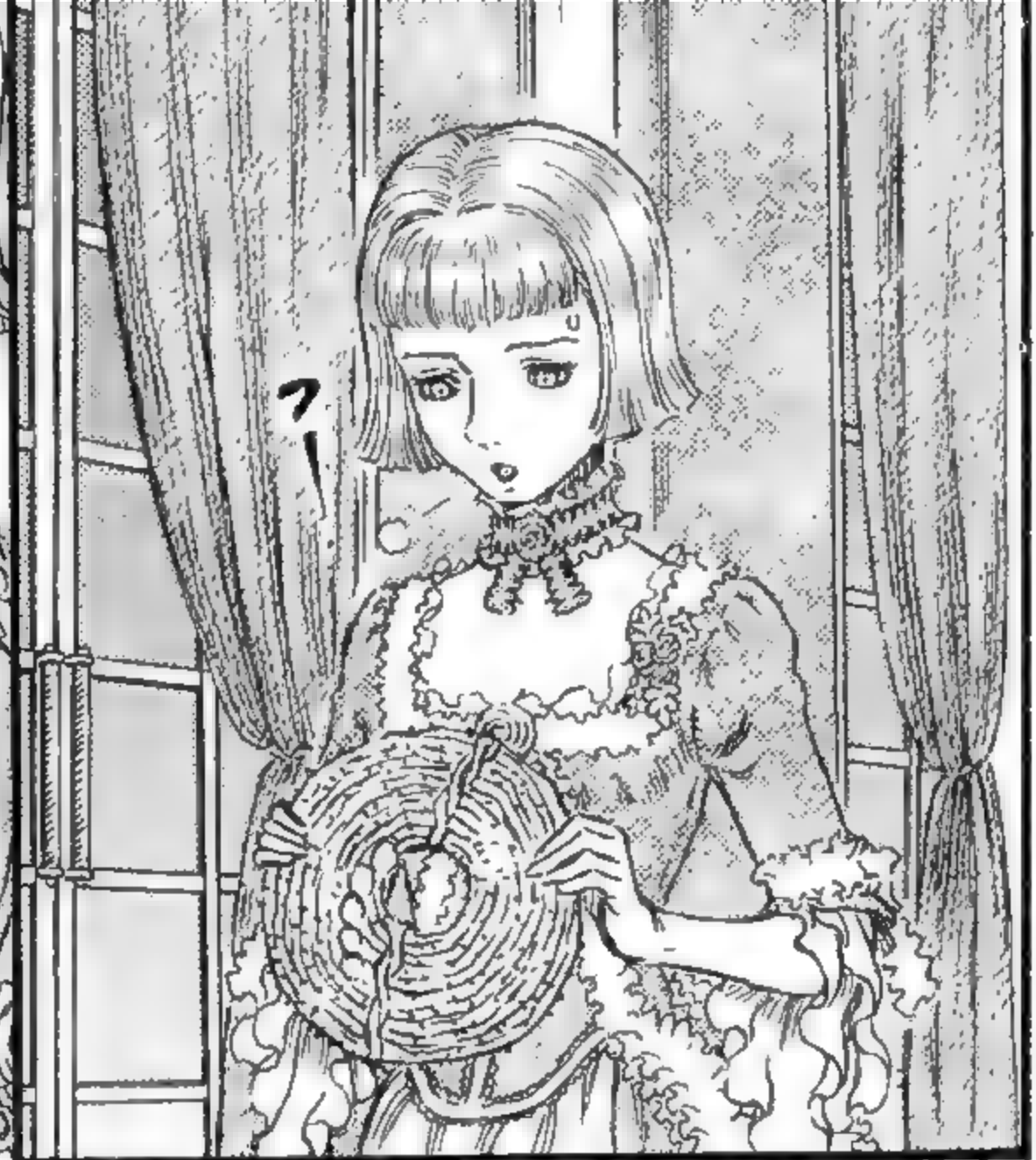
L-LET'S
SEE...

R-
RIGHT
...

IT'S
NOT
MOV-
ING.

OH,
IT'S
TRUE.





*FX: WHEHHH



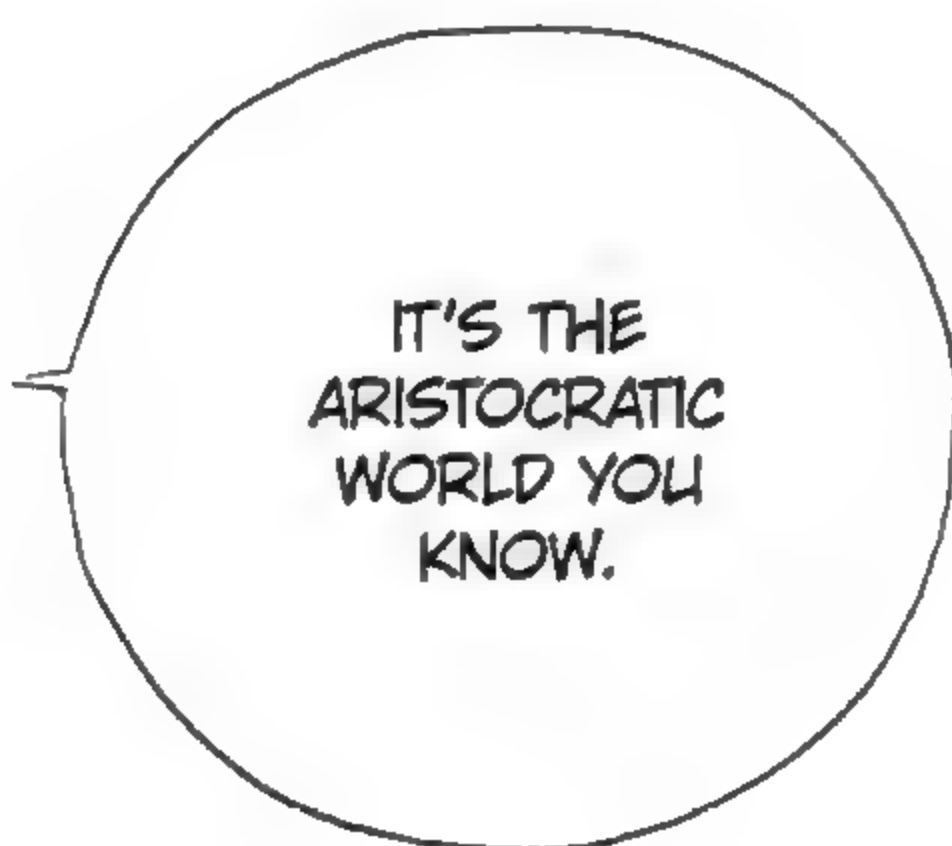
TEACH-
ER.

THANKS
TO THE
SNAKES.
MY
SNAKES.
♡

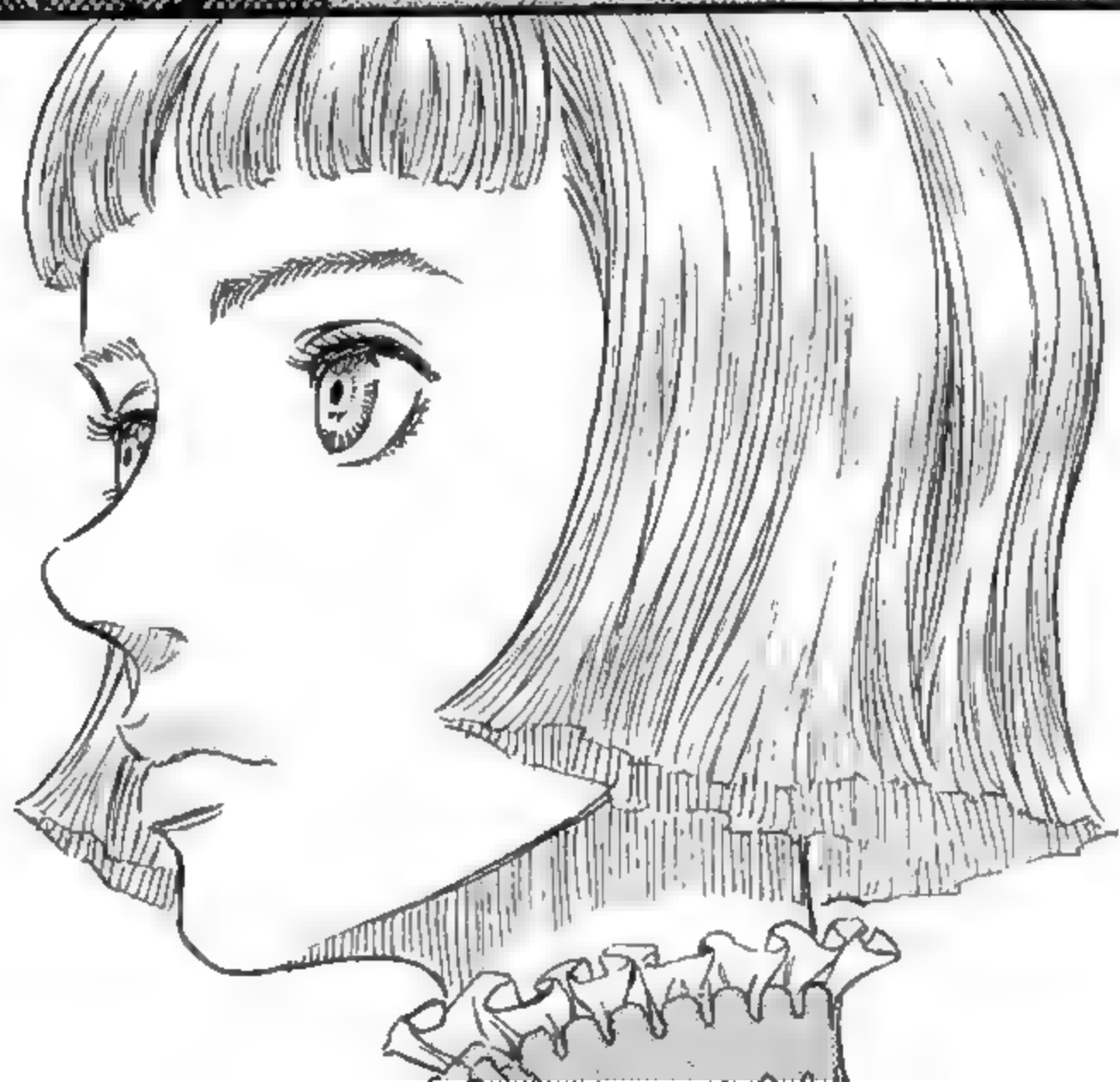
ADMIRABLY
DONE.



YOUR
FAMILY'S
HERE.

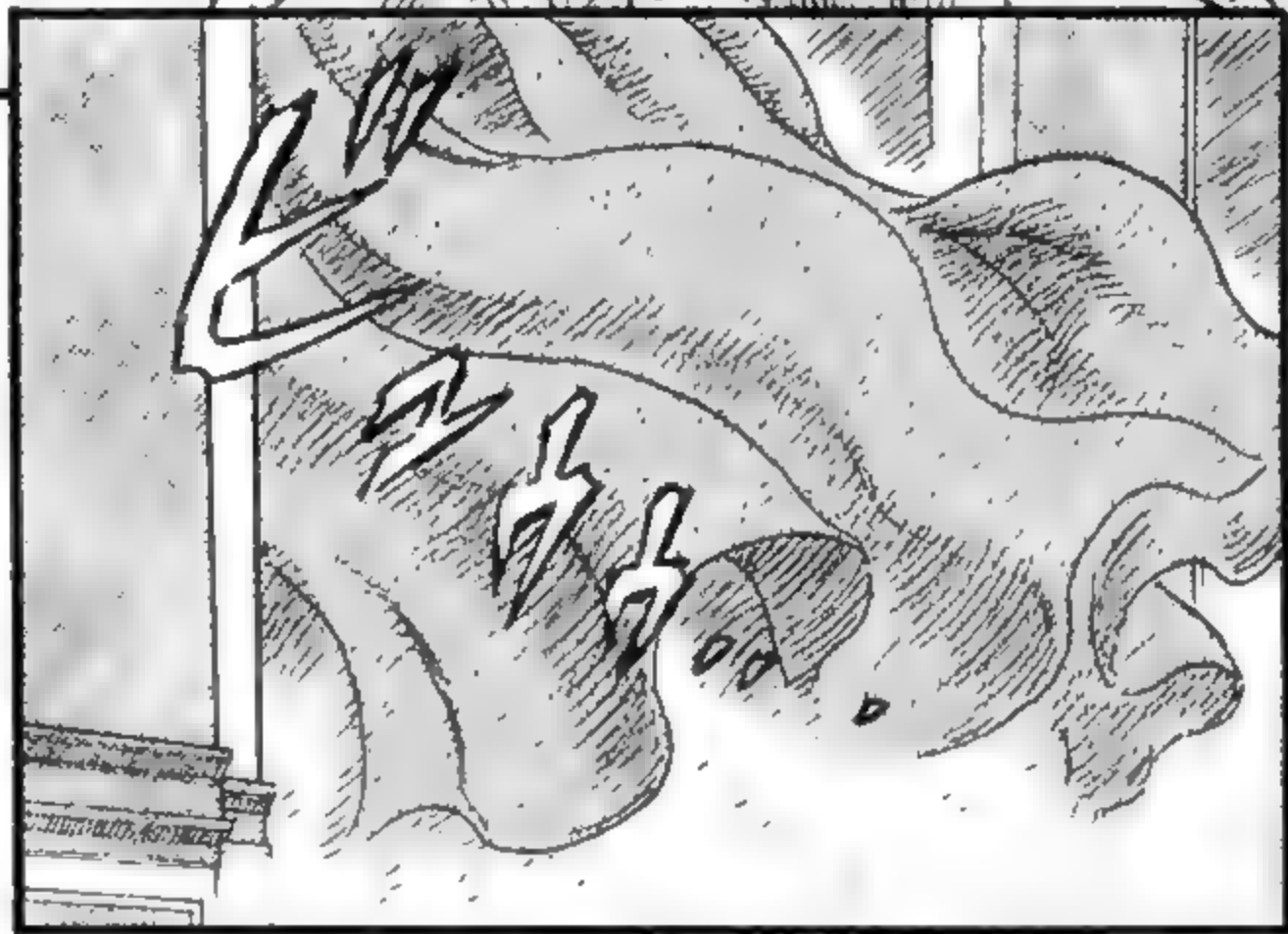


IT'S THE
ARISTOCRATIC
WORLD YOU
KNOW.

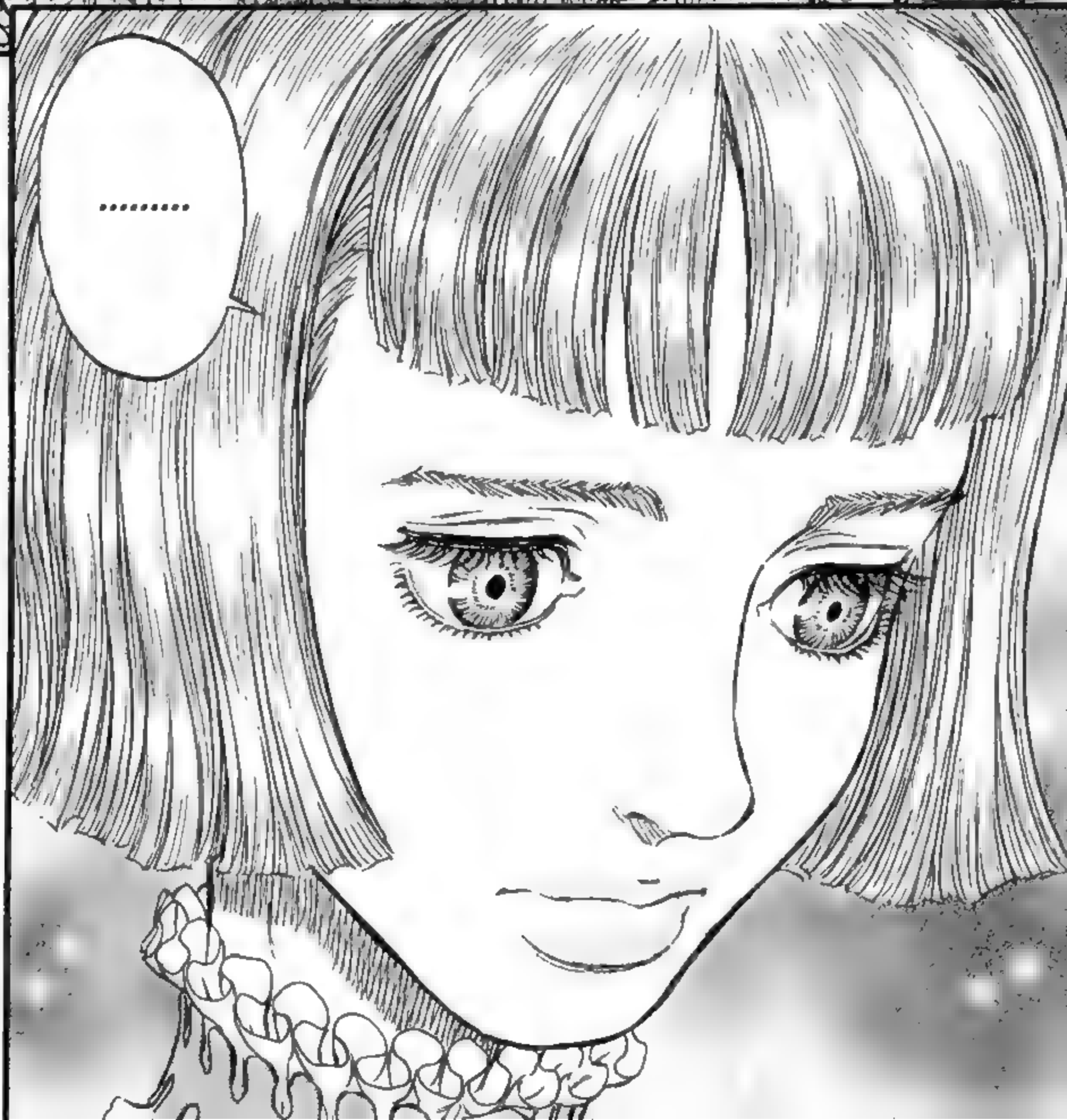




IS THIS THE
LAST STOP
ON YOUR
JOURNEY?



*FX: WHSSSS



.....



...NO.



...AND
WANTED
TO VISIT
AGAIN.

I
JUST...

...MISSED
IT...



WITHIN
THIS
CAGE OF
STONE...



...I
FINALLY
REALIZED
...



...THIS
ISN'T THE
PLACE TO
WHICH I
WISH TO
RETURN.

IT'S SIMPLY
WHERE MY
JOURNEY
BEGAN
LONG AGO.

THAT'S
ALL.



A PROCLAMATION OF WAR

宣戰布告

BERSERK



WHAT A
TRAGIC
SCENE THIS
IS...!

WHAT
ARE
THESE
BEASTS
...?!

IT'S LIKE
A BATTLE-
FIELD!



AND WHAT
WERE
THOSE
THINGS
THAT LADY
CON-
TROLLED...?

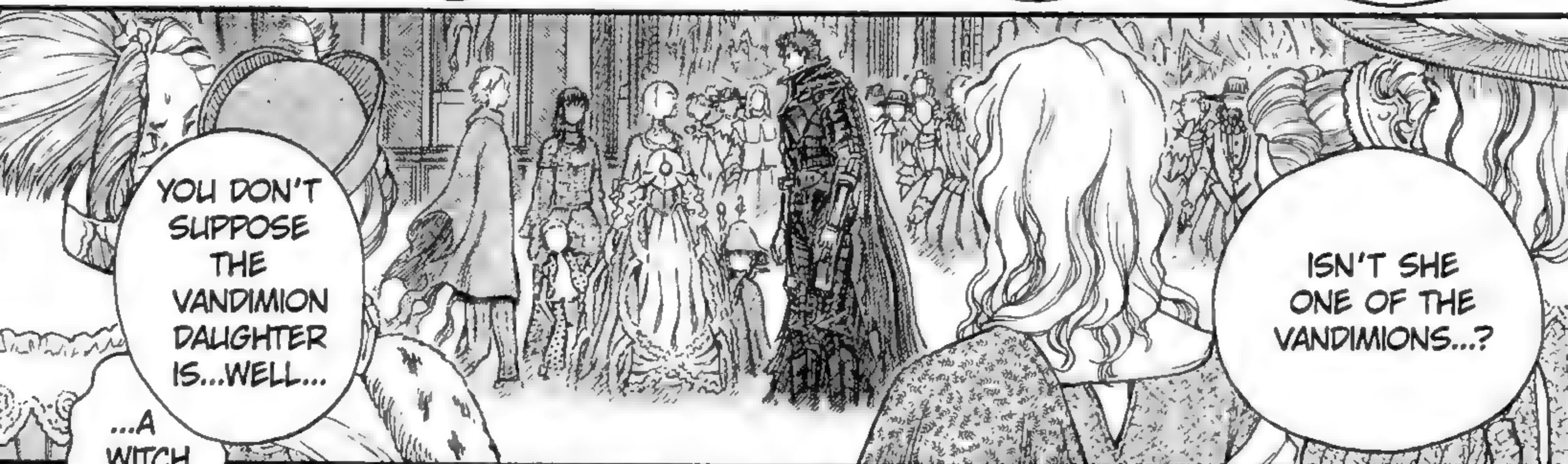
SO
YOU
SAW
THEM,
TOO!

THOSE
ARE FAIRIES,
AREN'T
THEY?

FROM
WHAT ARMY,
THOUGH...?

THAT MAN
ALMOST
SLEW THE
MONSTERS
BY
HIMSELF!

AT A GLANCE,
HE SEEMS A
MERCENARY,
BUT...



YOU DON'T
SUPPOSE
THE
VANDIMION
DAUGHTER
IS...WELL...

...A
WITCH
...?

ISN'T SHE
ONE OF THE
VANDIMIONS...?



SH!

LOOKS
LIKE YOU'RE
WITH US
FOR GOOD
NOW.
MAGICAL-
GIRL
FARNY.

OOF OOF
39. 39.

IT'S
OUR
HIGH...

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DRAG
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YEEE

SOCIETY
DEBUT!



JUST
WHAT
SORT OF
JOURNEY
HAS SHE
BEEN
ON...?

BUT A
WITCH...?
I NEVER.

I COULD
TELL
SOME-
THING WAS
UP...

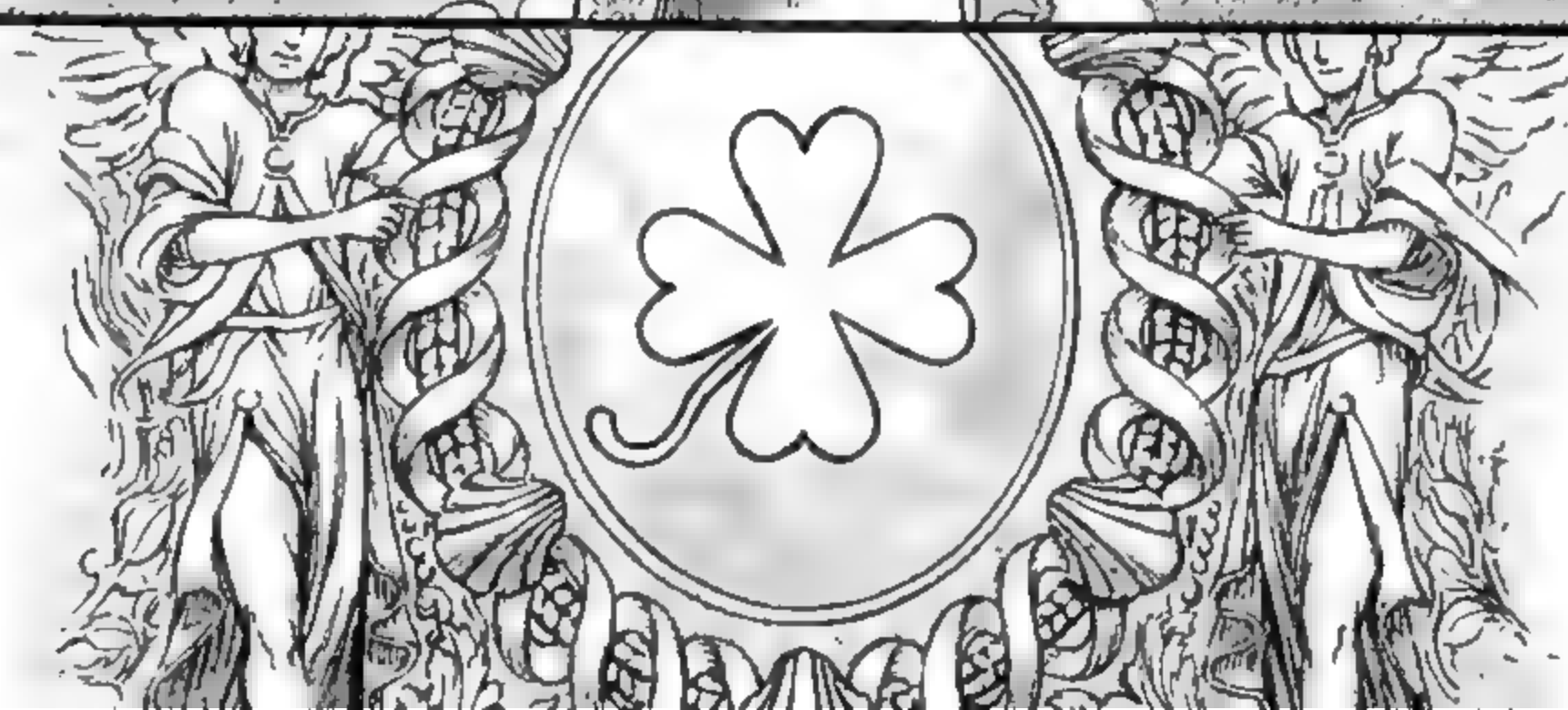
STILL,
THOUGH
...



NOT ONCE
DID I EVER
SEE THAT
WITHIN THE
MANSION.

LOOK HOW
MUCH TRUST
YOU PUT IN
ANOTHER
PERSON.

FOR US
VANDIMIONS,
SUCH A THING
NEVER COULD
EXIST.

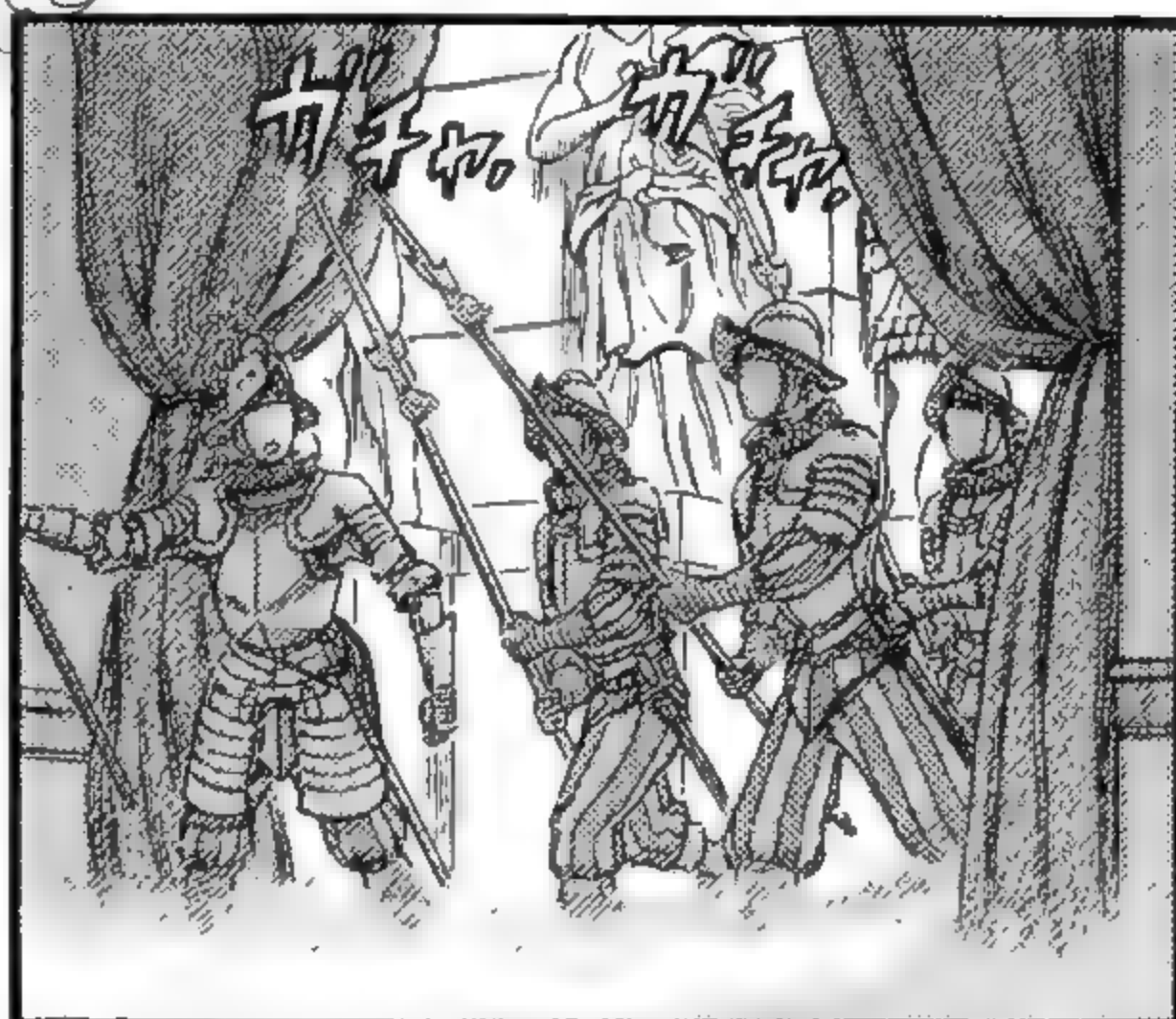


NOT FOR
ME, HIM,
AND YOUR
BROTHERS...

A BLESSING
THAT ONLY
A LITHE
SOUL IN
DISREGARD
OF HER
FAMILIAL
YOKE COULD
BRING
ABOUT.

NO ONE
EVER PAID
YOU ANY
HEED,
AND BEING
RAISED IN
SOLITUDE,
YOU WON IT
THROUGH
THE POWER
OF YOUR
DESIRE.

I'M
A LITTLE
ENVIIOUS.

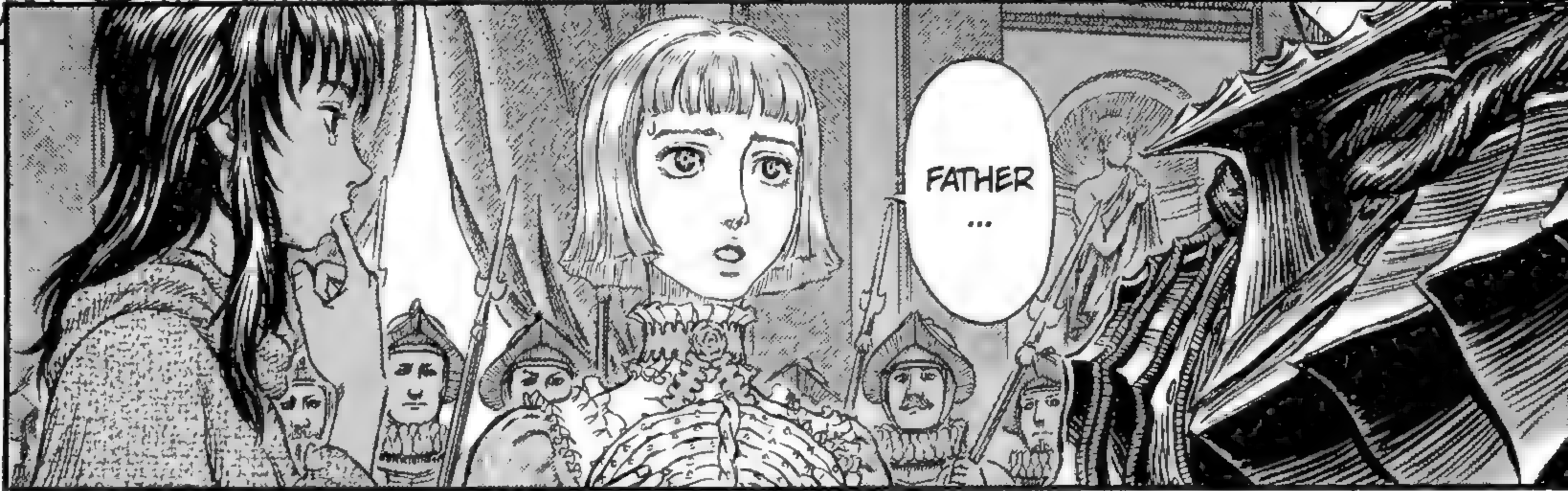


*FX: GCHAK GCHAK





LORD
VANDIMION.



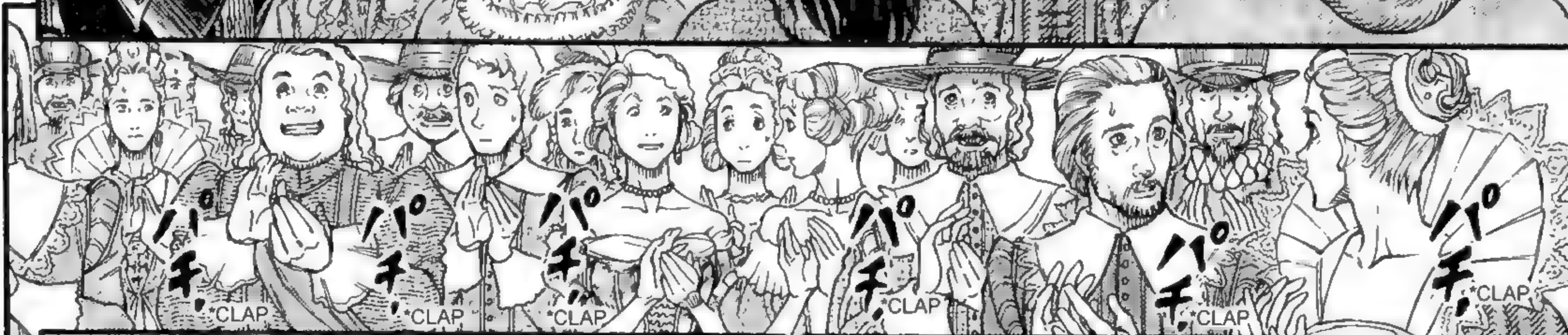
FATHER
...



THANK
YOU.

...I MUST OFFER
GRATITUDE TO
YOU PEOPLE FOR
PUTTING AN
END TO THIS
MAYHEM.

FIRST, ON
BEHALF OF
EVERYONE
HERE...



*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP



IT'S A
STANDIN'
OVATION!

WELL,
WAS IT
ALL
THAT
BIG A
DEAL?
KEEP
POURIN'
IT ON!



OH?!
OH?!

THEY'RE
CLAPPIN'!

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

*CLAP

...OF THIS
PARTY, AND
MURDER THE
PERSONAGES
OF EACH
NATION.

IT HARDLY SEEMS
FALSE TO ME TO
DEEM THESE UGLY
CREATURES WAR
BEASTS SENT BY
THE KLISHAN IN A
SCHEME TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE...

THESE
REPULSIVE
MONSTROSITIES
THIS
EVENING...



WHAT IS
YOUR VIEW
ON *THESE*
THINGS...?

TH-
THESE
...

SURELY,
SILVER
COINS
AREN'T
WHAT THEY
USED TO
BE.

CHOMP
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AH,
YES...

THAT
DOES
MAKE
SENSE.

I HAVE HEARD
THEY ARE SAVAGES
WHO PREFER TO USE
BEASTS IN BATTLE.
PERHAPS THESE
WERE BORN OF SOME
SECRET ART OF
CROSSBREEDING
OR DRUG USE.



WAR
BEASTS...
BUT SUCH
QUEER
BEASTS
AS THESE
...?



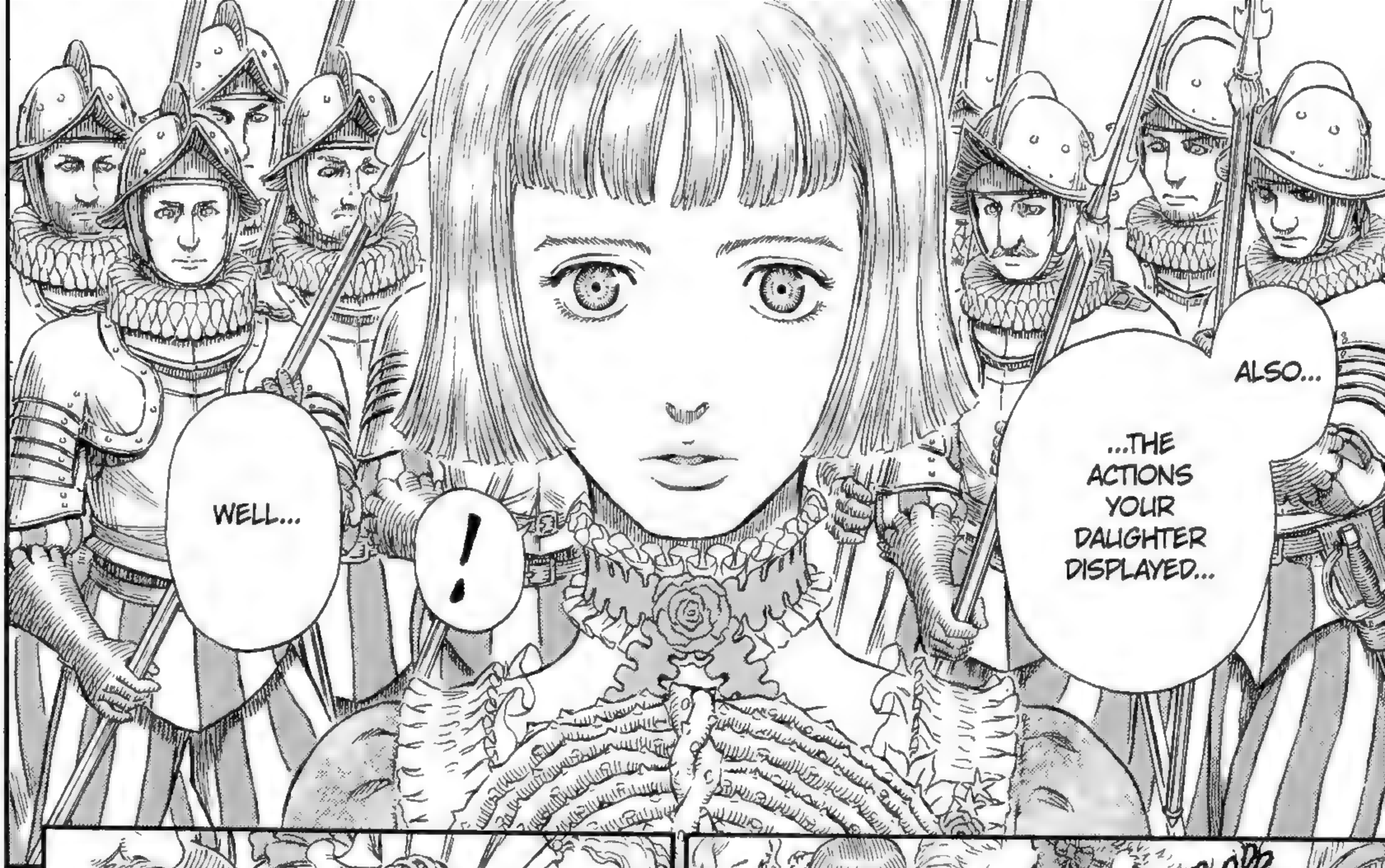
B-BUT,
LORD
VANDI-
MION...



IS HE
RIGHT
?

I
THINK
HE IS
ABOUT
HALF
RIGHT...

THIS
GUY
KNOWS
A
LOT.



WELL...

!

ALSO...

...THE
ACTIONS
YOUR
DAUGHTER
DISPLAYED...



...THEY
COULD
ONLY BE
"MAGIC"...

...BUT
INDEED
...

I FIND IT
TERRIBLY
HARD TO
SAY...



YOUR
SILENCE,
EVERY-
ONE.



THE MOOD
SEEMS TO
BE ONE OF
SUSPICION
AGAIN.

FEH!

WHAT A
NARROW-
MINDED
CROWD.

...MERE
ILLUSION.

THAT
WAS MOST
LIKELY...

THAT'S
RIGHT!
YOU
TELL 'EM,
MISTER!

...FOR IT TO BE
SO CLEAR IN THE
PUBLIC EYE...
AND THEY SEEM
TO BE ASSERTING
THEMSELVES.

Y-YES,
BUT
MILORD...

--SIONS
?!
IS HE
RIGHT?

ILLU--

*SHA
SHA
SHA

*COGITO
ERGO
SUM

BANNER
OF THE
ILLUSIONS

HNNNN
WAVE
WAVE

WELL,
WELL...

IN ANY
EVENT...

WOW
...


あ
! MMMM

PERHAPS THE
WINE WE DRANK
WAS DRUGGED, OR
PERHAPS IT IS SPREAD
VIA THIS FOG... IT IS
PROBABLY A KIND
OF MASS HALLU-
CINATION.

I WON'T
LETCHA
TALK ME
DOWN
THAT
EASILY!


B-BUT,
RIGHT
THERE...!
SEE!

HEY!
ENOUGH!



...OF THE
HOLY SEE
DOMAIN AND
THROW OUR
ALLIED ARMY
INTO
CONFUSION.

...IT IS THE
AIM OF THE
KUSHAN ARMY
TO STRIKE
AT THE
HEADS...



IT IS
DISGRACEFUL
BEHAVIOR
FOR AN
ADHERENT.

TO FALL
SO EASILY
FOR SUCH A
TRANSPARENT
TACTIC IS THE
HEIGHT
OF FOLLY.



...THUS
BECOMING A
LAUGHING-
STOCK OF THE
SOLDIERS?

...ON THE
NIGHT BEFORE
DEPLOYMENT,
TO GO AROUND
TRUMPETING
ABOUT FAIRIES AND
MONSTERS...

OR DO
ALL OF YOU
GATHERED
HERE
INTEND...



WHAT
YOU
SAY IS
TRUE...

INDEED...



YOUR
OLD MAN
SURE IS
TOUGH.



DON'TCHA
GIVE UP
ON YOUR
IDENTITY!

TH-THEN,
OH WELL,
I
GUESS...

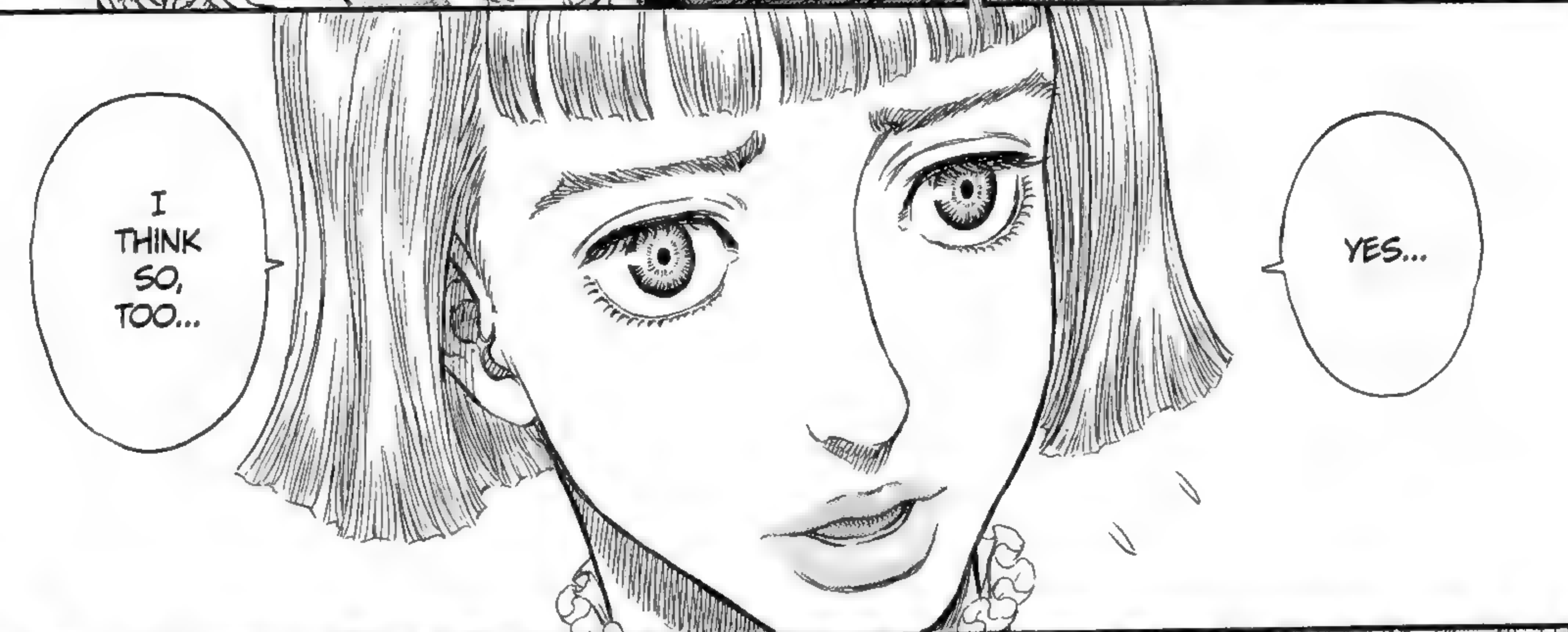
GRAHHH

BOFF

SHFF
SHFF
2 2
L L

PRETTY
AMAZIN'
REVER-
SAL.

IN A
WAY, I
ADMIRE
HIM.



I
THINK
SO,
TOO...

YES...

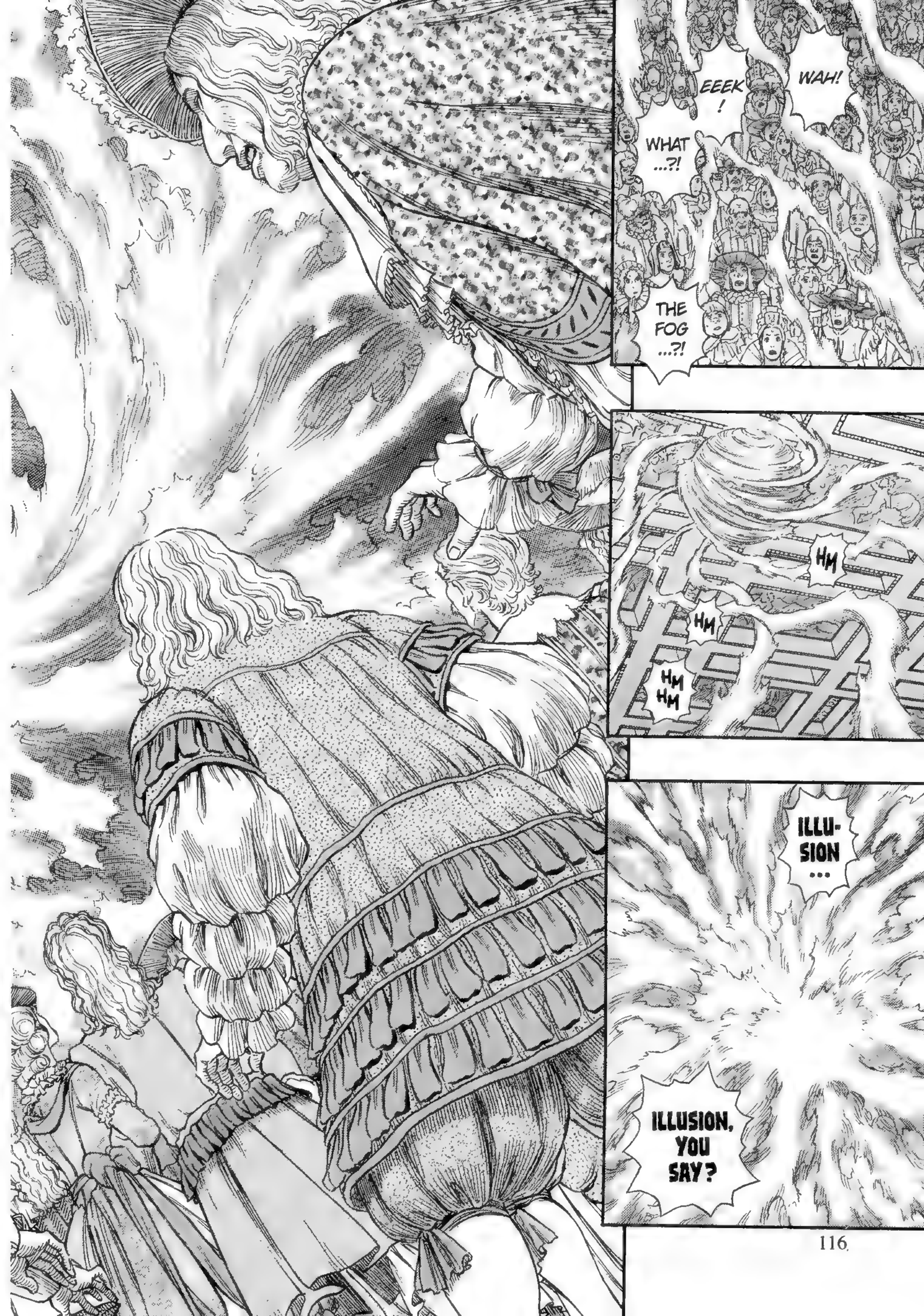


...AND
AS EVER,
HE
EMPLOYS
SHOCK AND
AWE.

HE TRULY
IS OUT OF
MANIFICO'S
LEAGUE.

ALL THIS
REALITY IS
THRUST
BEFORE
HIM...









*AHHHHH

APOSTLE...!!





**KNOW THIS...
THAT THEY ARE
THE START OF
A NIGHTMARE
WITHOUT END
THIS EVENING.**

**THOSE
"ILLUSIONS"
YOU
SAW?**

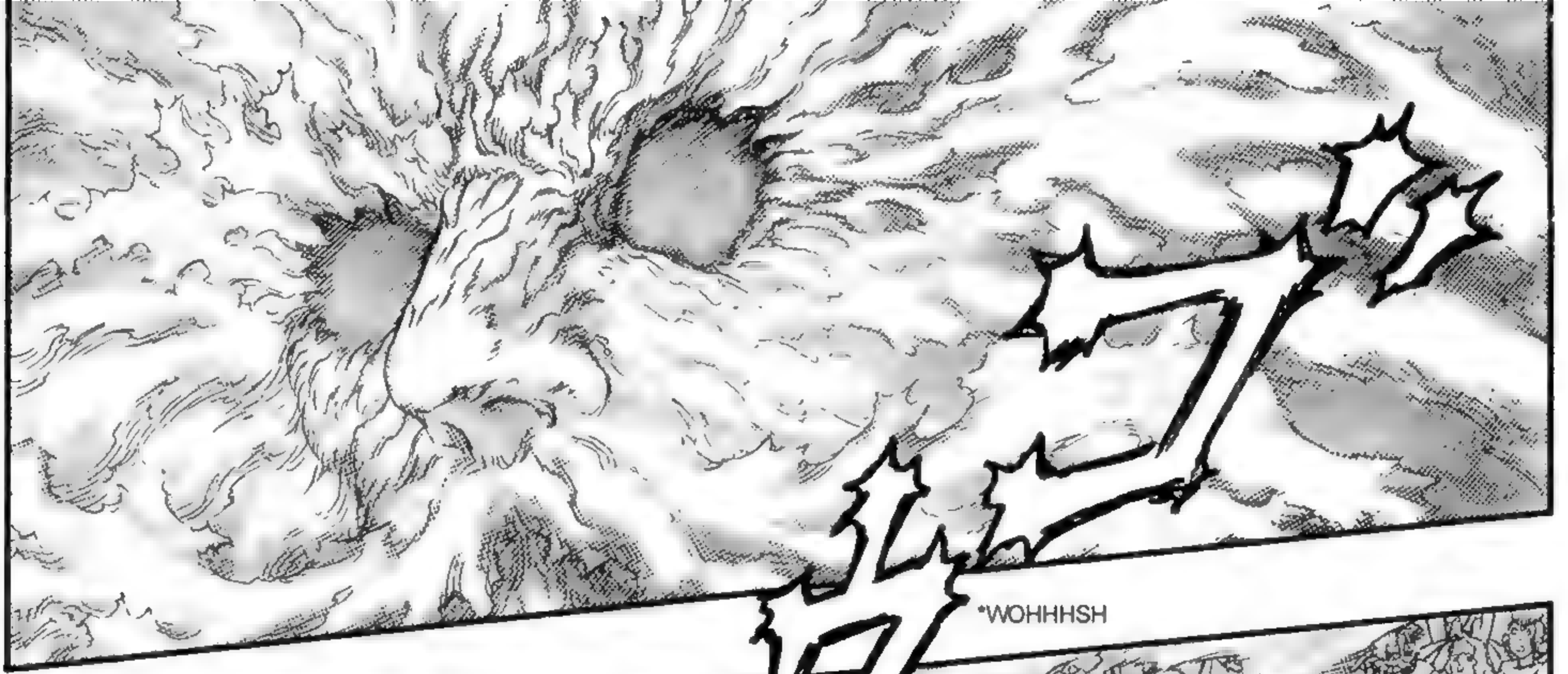
**HEAR
ME.**

**I AM
EMPEROR
GANISHKA THE
GREAT OF
THE KUSHAN
EMPIRE.**

**...TO
DECLARE A
PROCLAMA-
TION...**

**I HAVE
COME TO
THIS
PLACE...**

**...OF WAR
AGAINST
YOU
INFIDELS.**



*WOHHHSH



AH
EE!

AH
HH!



WHAT
WAS
...?!

WH
...

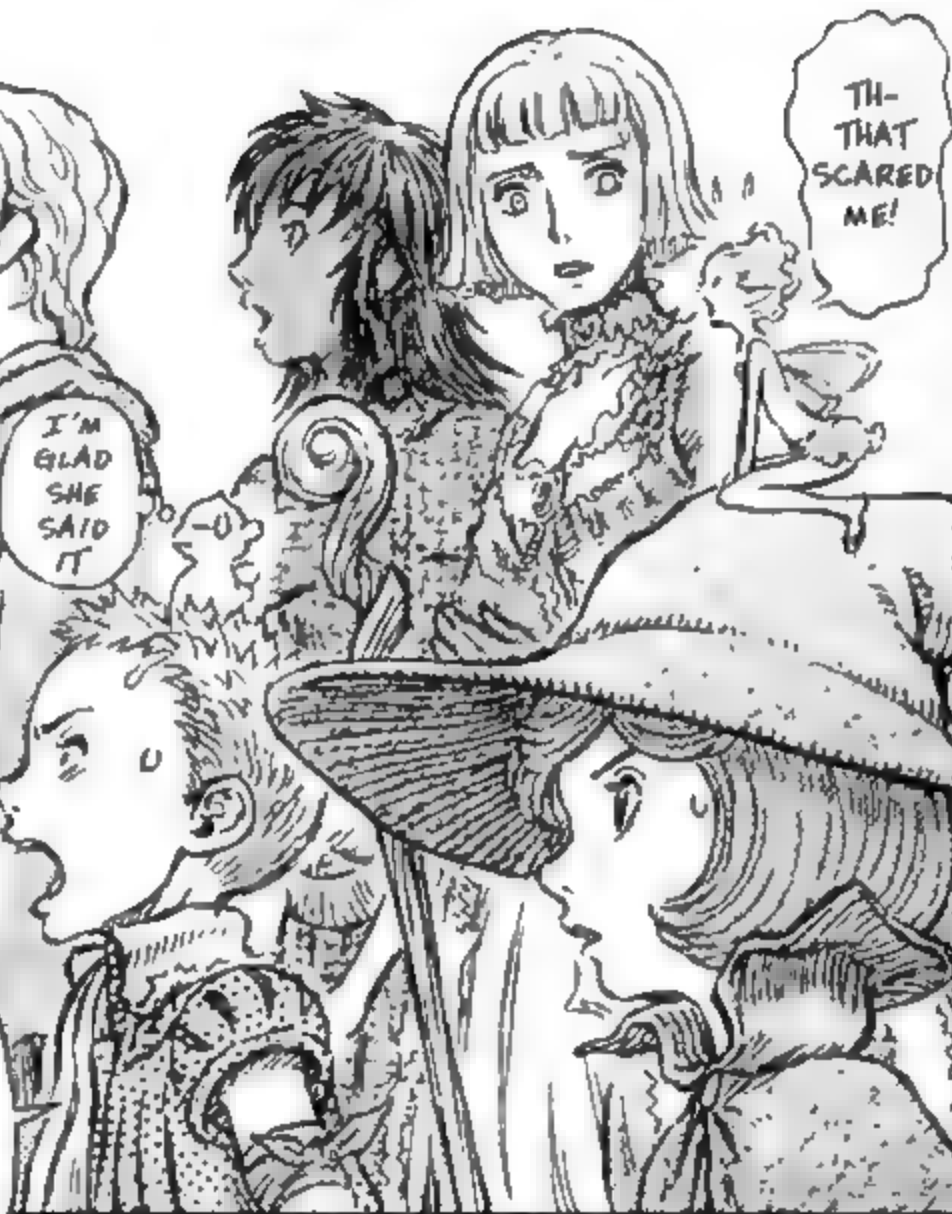


**AND
HE'S A
RULER?**

**...AN
APOSTLE.**

WH-
WHAT
WAS THAT
HUGE
FACE?!

I
SENSED AN
ENORMOUS,
SINISTER
MAGIC
POWER.



TH-
THAT
SCARED
ME!

I'M
GLAD
SHE
SAID
IT

HE WAS THE
SAME AS THOSE
WHO ATTACKED
THE MANSION
OF THE SPIRIT
TREE.

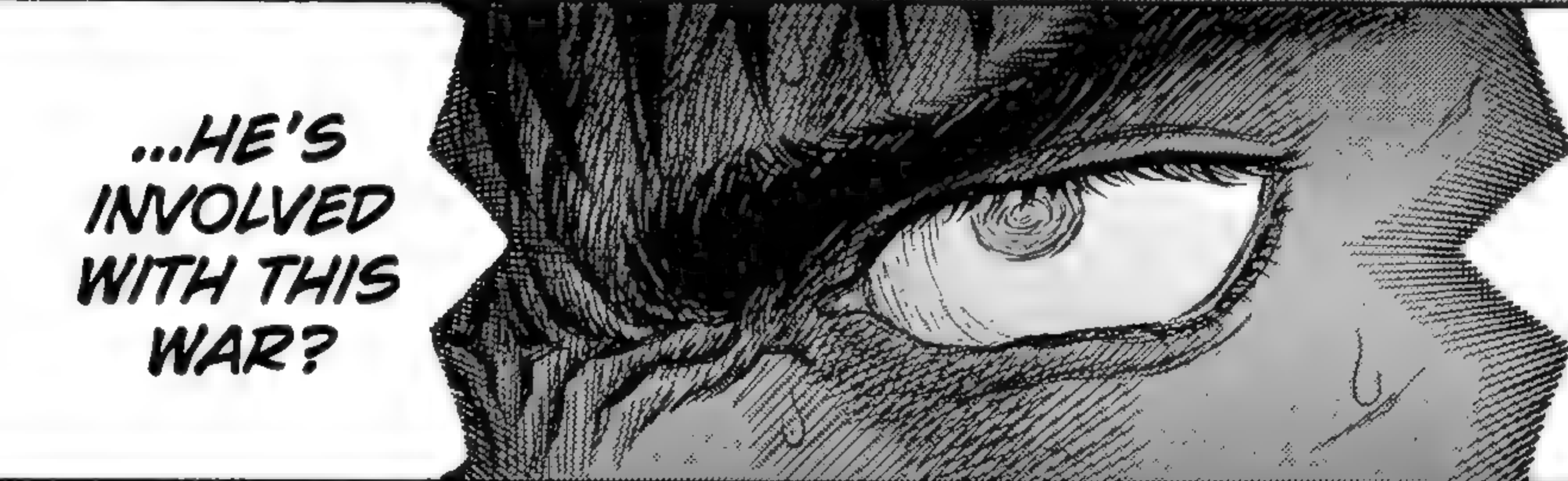


AN
INHUMAN
DEMON!



...ANOTHER
ONE OF HIS
FOLLOWERS?

IS
HE...



...HE'S
INVOLVED
WITH THIS
WAR?

**DOES
THAT
MEAN...**

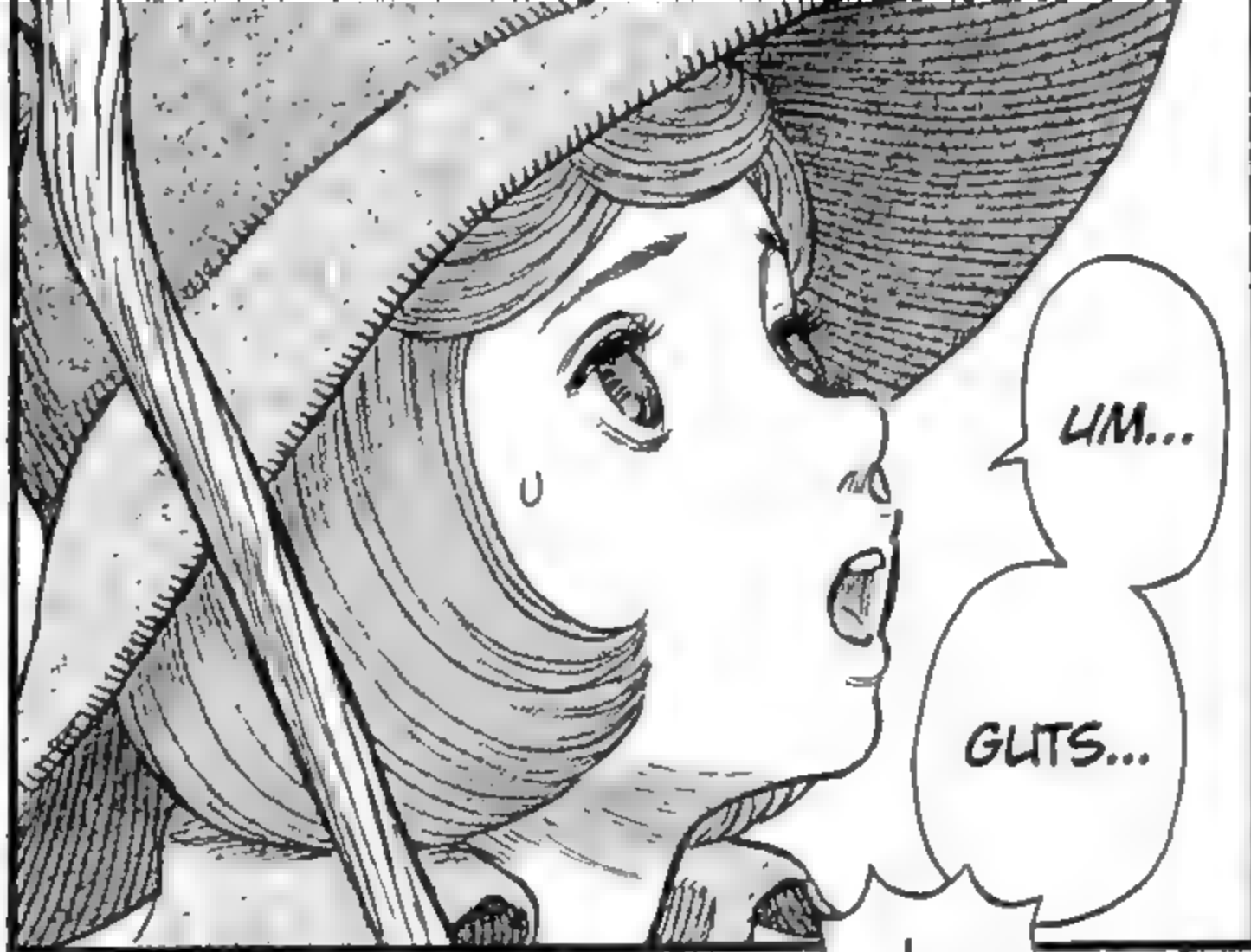


...PERHAPS
LEADING
THEM
WILL BE...

AND
THEN...

...YOU'LL SOON
ENCOUNTER
THE APOSTLES
AGAIN.

IF YOU
CONTINUE
ON WITH
YOUR
JOURNEY...



UM...

GLTS...



IT'S T-
TERRI-
BLE!!

L-
LOOK
!!

WHAT
NOW
?



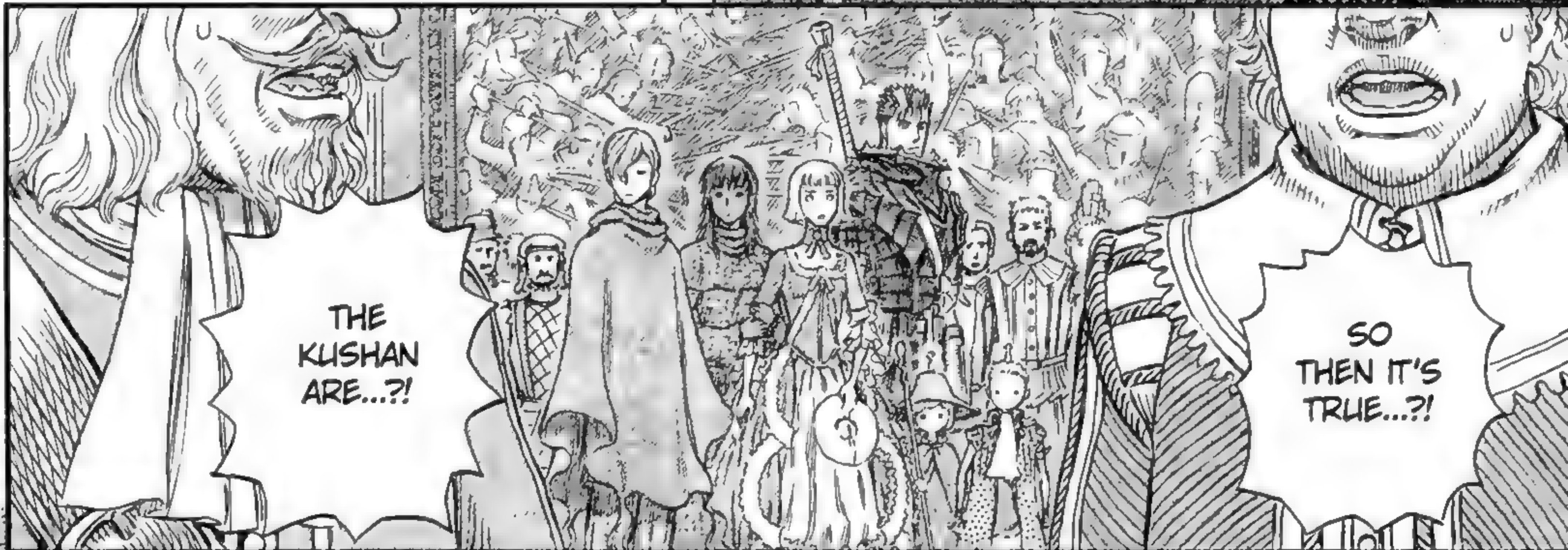
THAT'S
TOWARDS
THE
HARBOR
!!

THE
SKY'S
RED...!!

A
FIRE
?!



.....

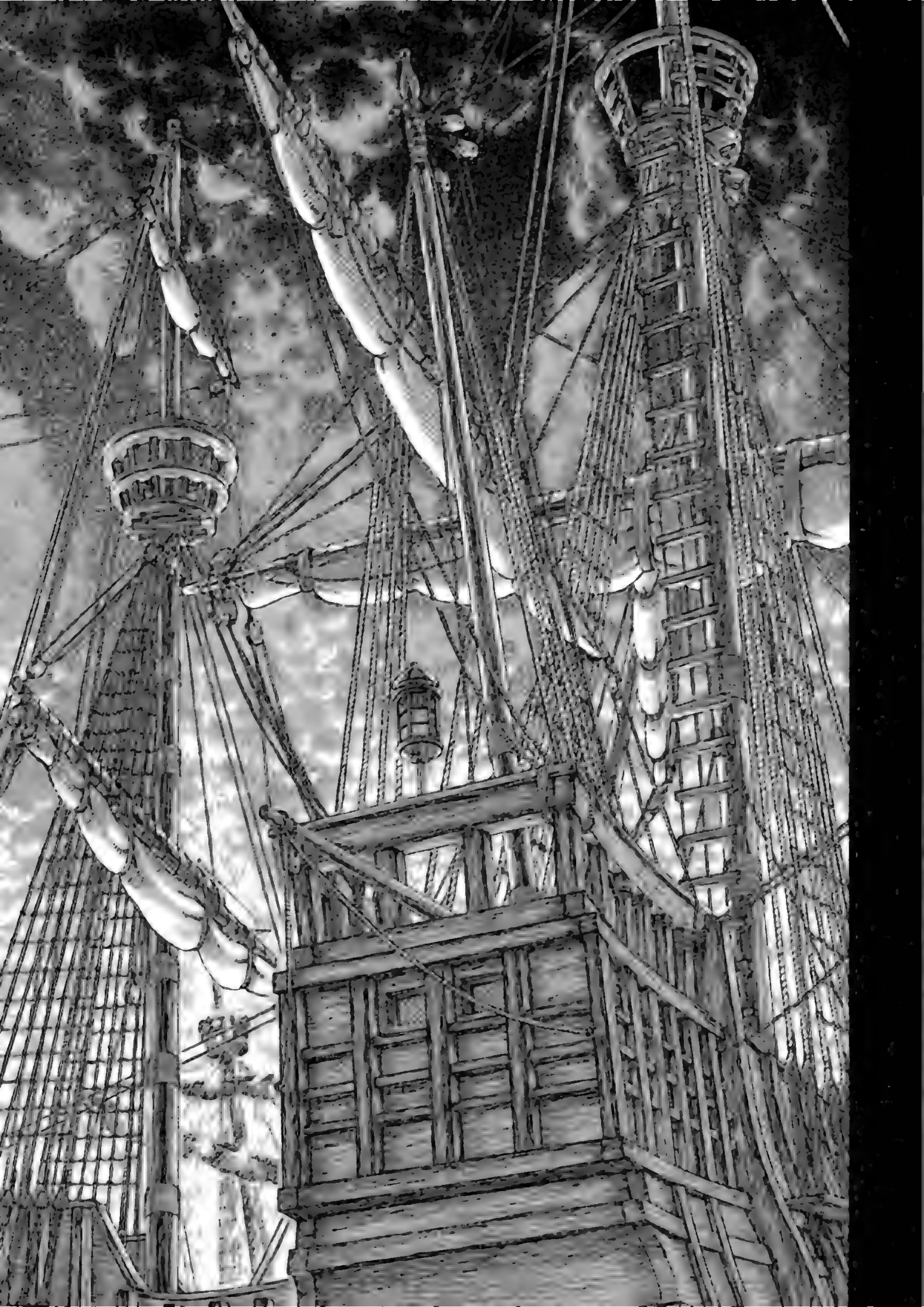


THE
KUSHAN
ARE...?!

SO
THEN IT'S
TRUE...?!



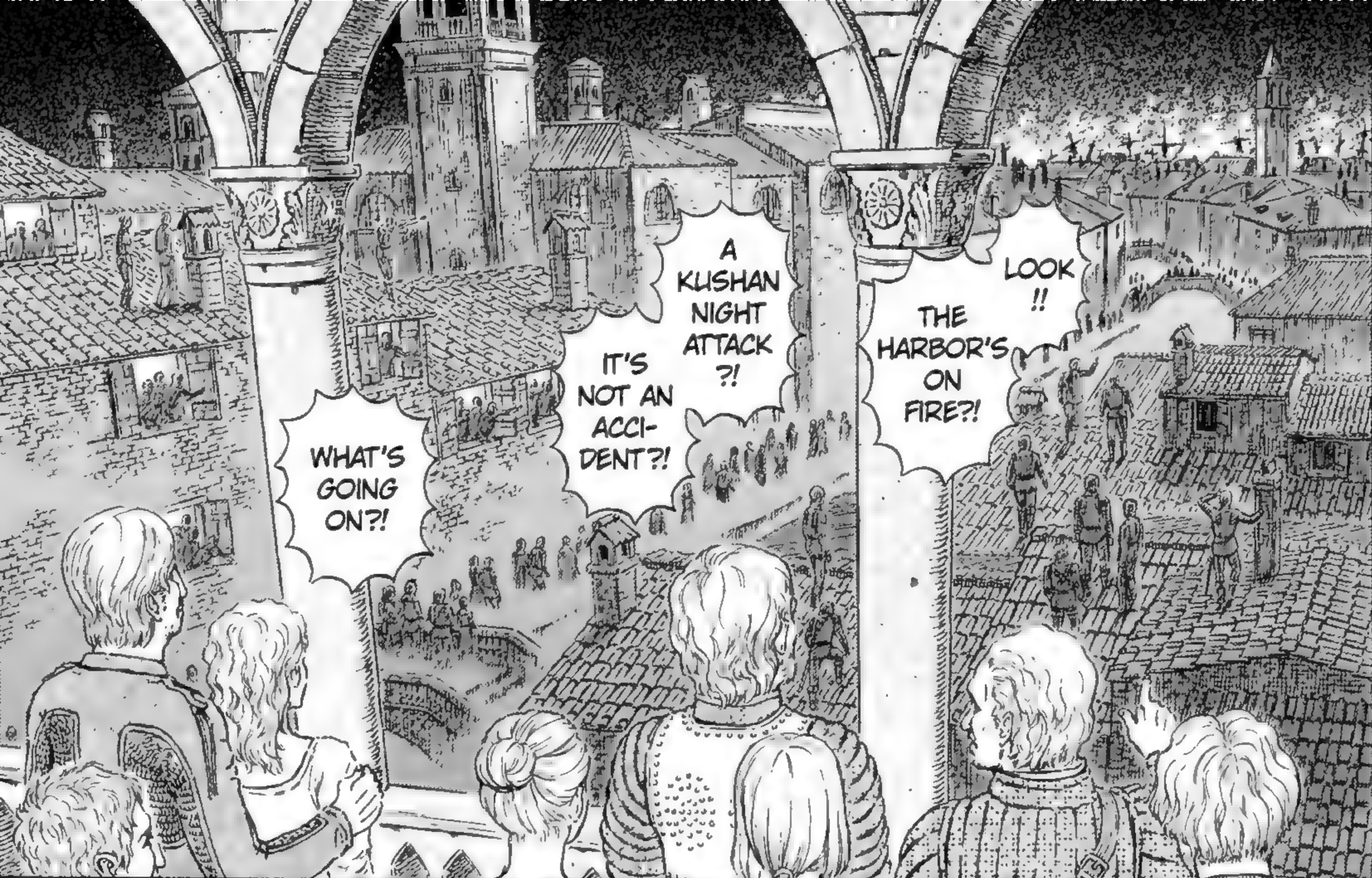
THE
DAMN
THING'S
BEGIN.



**DEMON BEAST
INVASION**

妖獸侵攻

BERSERK



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

A
KLUSHAN
NIGHT
ATTACK
?!

IT'S
NOT AN
ACCI-
DENT?!

LOOK
!!

THE
HARBOR'S
ON
FIRE?!



CLEAR
THE
WAYYY!!

MOVE,
MOVE
!!

*CLOP

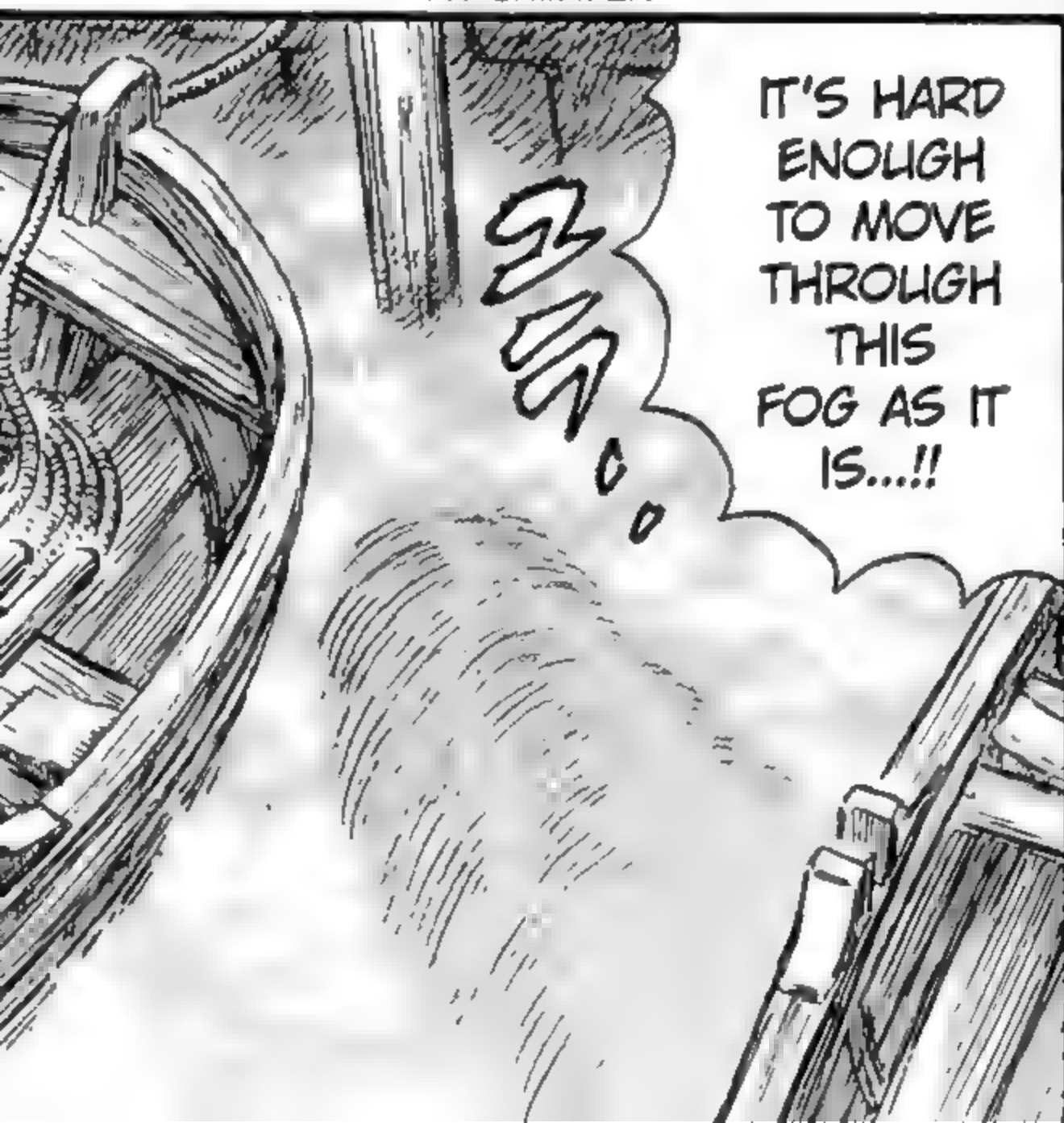
*CLOP

*CLOP

*CLOP

*CLOP

*FX SHIMMER



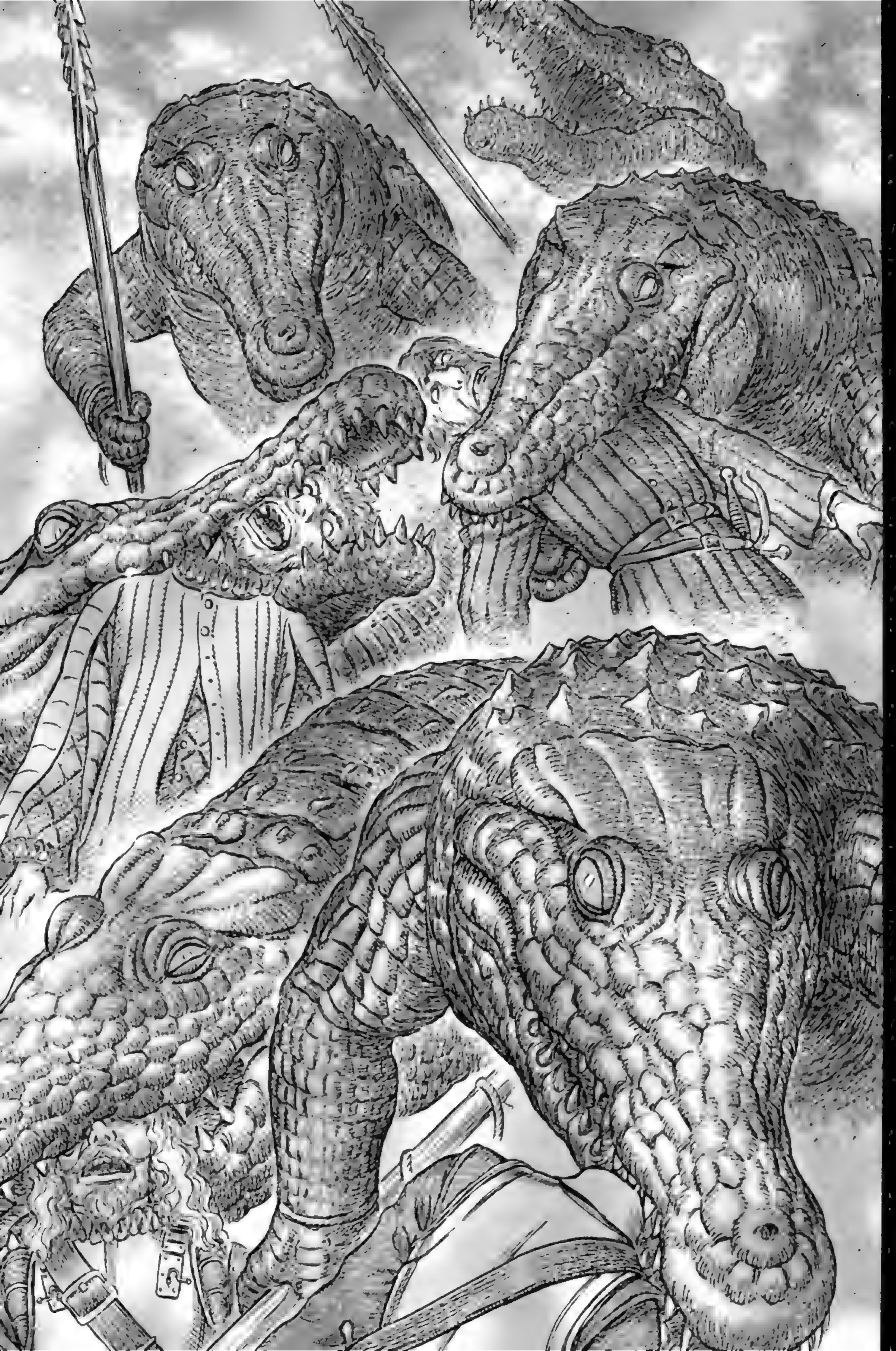
IT'S HARD
ENOUGH
TO MOVE
THROUGH
THIS
FOG AS IT
IS....!!



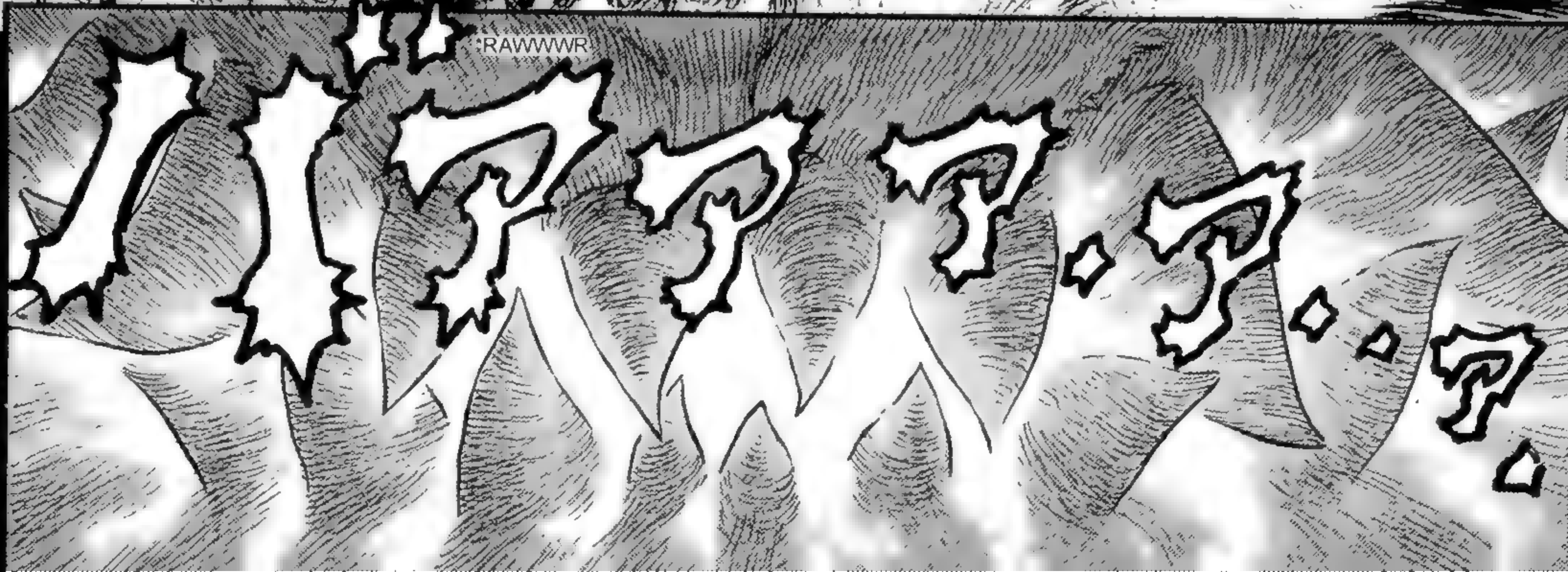
HEY,
GUARD!!
WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?!

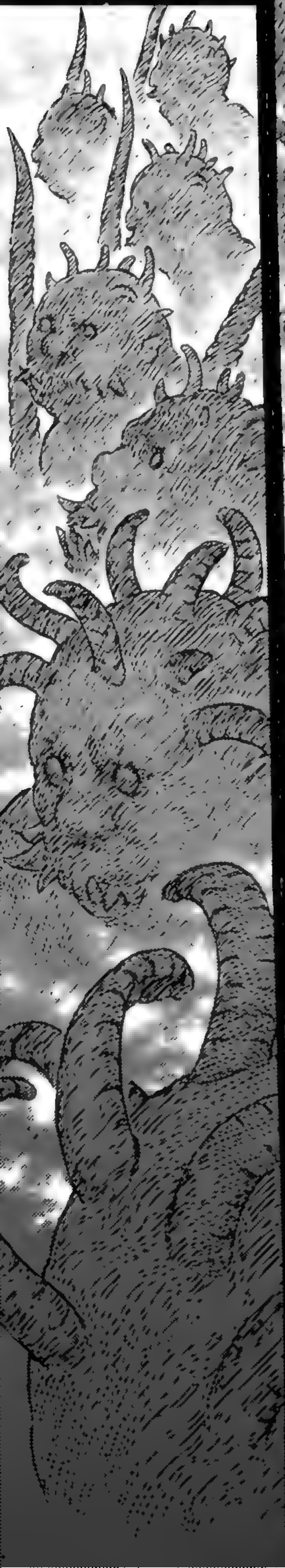
WE'RE ON OUR
WAY TO FIGURE
THAT OUT
OURSELVES!!
ARGGH!!
MOVE ASIDE!!















*FX: GCHAK GCHAK



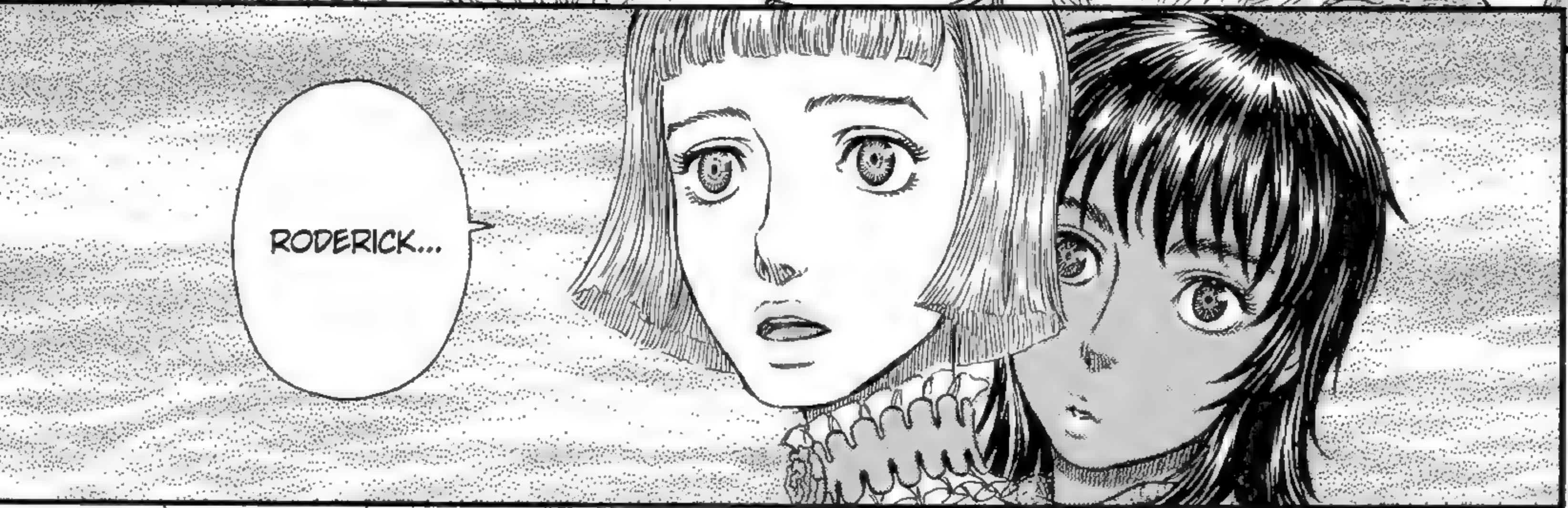


I MIGHT
BE OF
SERVICE.

WHAT'S
YOUR
DESTI-
NATION?

I'VE HEARD
MOST OF THE
SITUATION FROM
FARNESE'S
BROTHER.
YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR
A SHIP?

HEY...



RODERICK...



NOW,
NOW,
DON'T
WORRY.

UH,
I... RODERICK.

WHAT'S
WITH THE
GIRL?

OOOO



YOU
WERE
THERE
WITH
ME.

WHO'S
HE?

HE'S
FARNESE'S
FIANCEE! THE
BOURGEOIS
ONE!



JUST
TELL ME
YOUR
DESTINA-
TION.

AT SOME
PORT CITY
AT SEA
TO THE
WEST, IF I
RECALL...

HMM
...

SKELLIG
ISLAND...
I'VE
HEARD
OF IT.

THE THING
ON HIS
HEAD'S
TALKING...

AN
ELFIN
PARA-
DISE.

ELF-
HELL.

SKELLIG
ISLAND.

WHY NOT?
I'LL TAKE
YOU ALL
THERE ON
MY SHIP.

WOW!

BWEE

HEY
...

IT'S
RIGHT
ON MY
WAY HOME.

YEAH.
DON'T
CALL ME
"MAN."

WHOA,
MAN,
REALLY
?!

IF YOU
STILL
WISH TO
GO...

BUT MY SHIP
IS A WARSHIP,
AND A TRIP AT
SEA WILL BE A
BIT ROUGH ON
WOMEN AND
CHILDREN.

I JUST
CAME HERE
TO DELIVER
HIS MAJ-
ESTY'S
SIGNED
LETTER.

UH, BUT...ARE YOU
SURE? A WAR IS
ABOUT TO BEGIN...

MY
WORK IS
DONE.

WE'VE NO
OBLIGATION,
NOR INTEREST,
IN SHEDDING
BLOOD FOR THE
PEOPLE HERE.

IITH MAY
BE IN
THE SAME
RELIGIOUS
SPHERE, BUT
IT'S OF A
DIFFERENT
SECT.

I DON'T FEEL
LIKE TOSSING
OUT THIS
ENGAGEMENT.

LOOK WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THAT
PLAN OF
YOURS.

WELL,
NO...

INDEED.

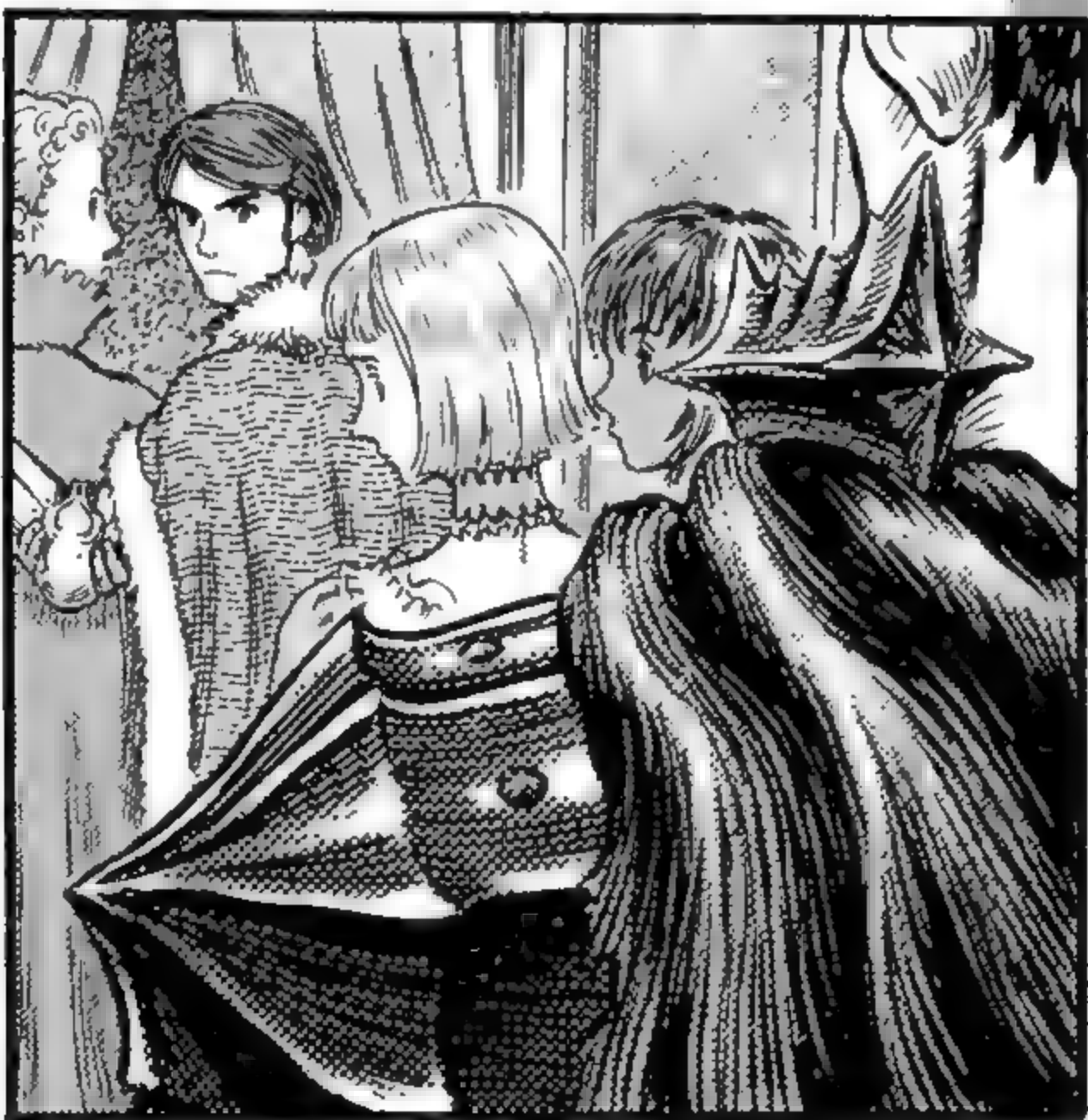
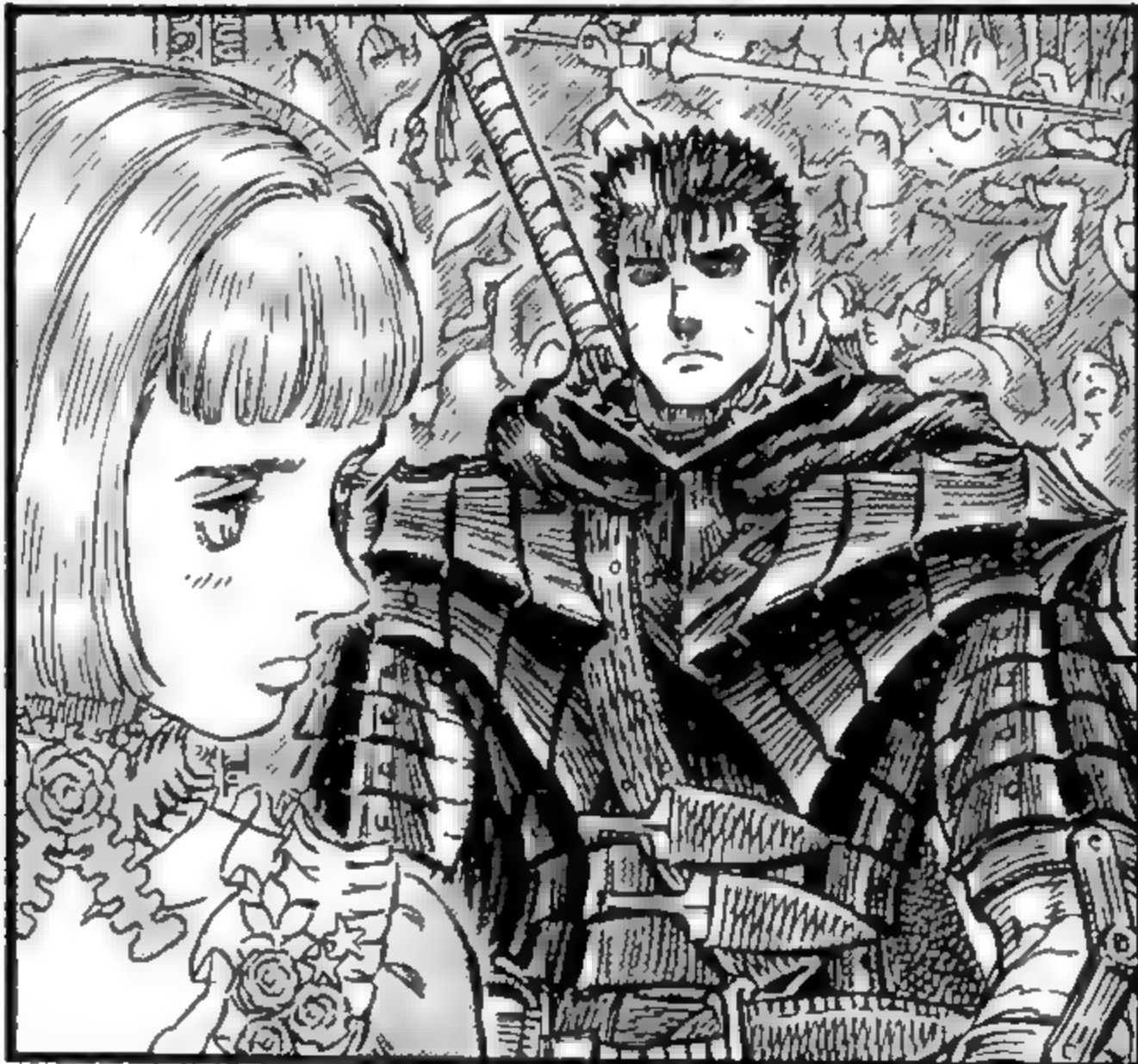
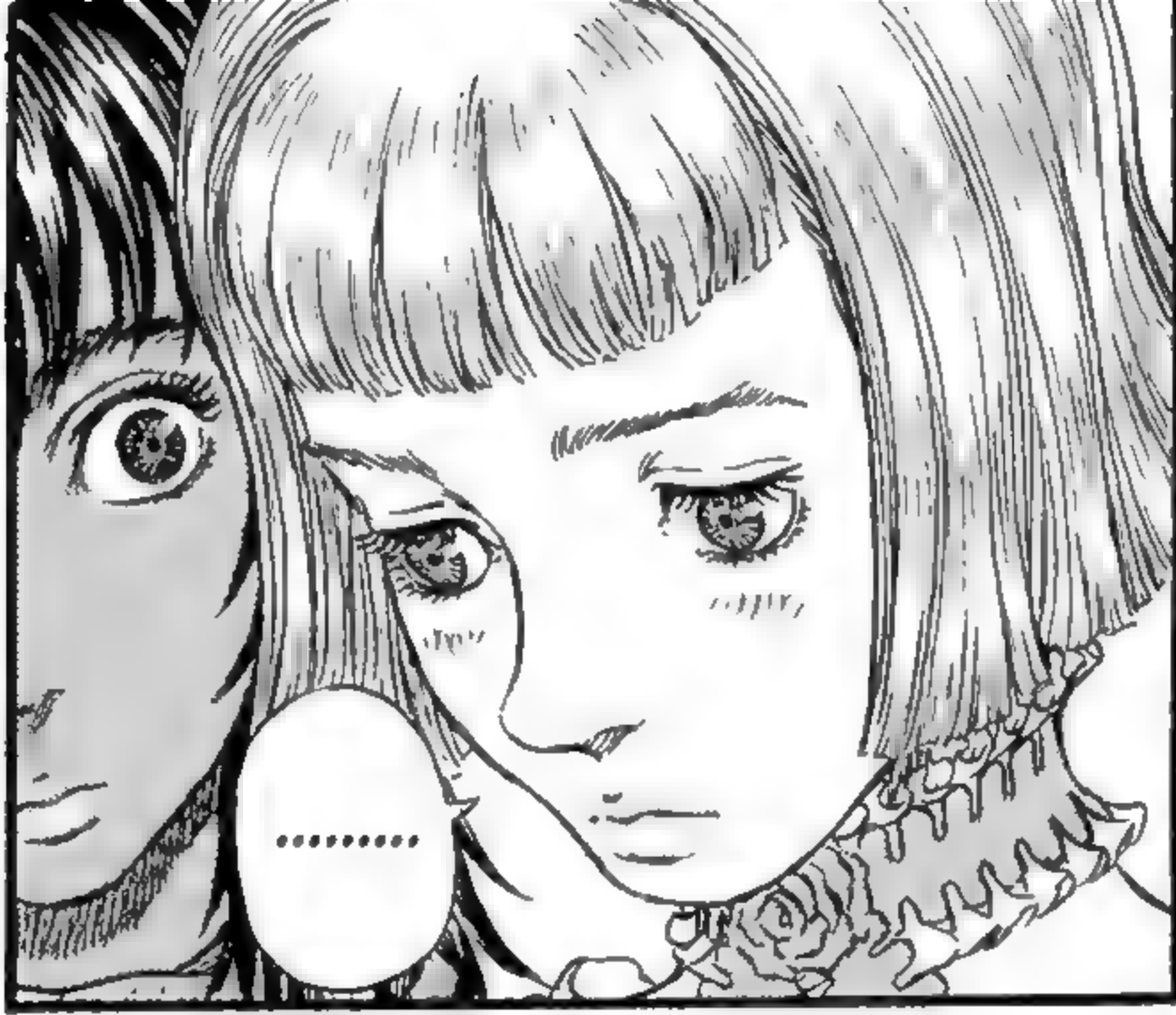
YOU'RE
EXACTLY
WHAT WE
NEED.

WE
DID IT!

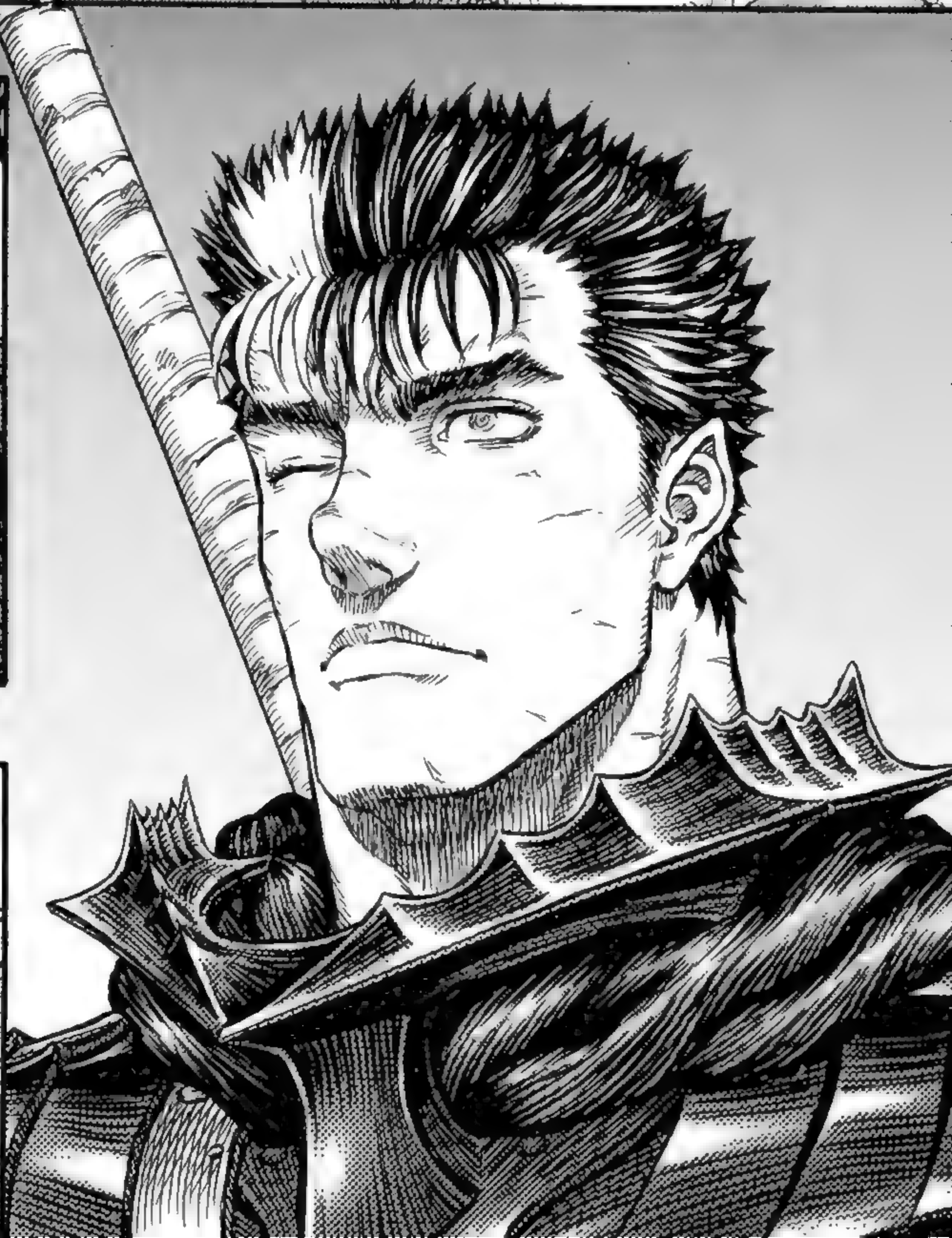
OH
YEAH!!

WELL,
WHY
NOT?

RODERICK!
YOU'RE
GETTING
CARRIED
AWAY...!



*FX: SKRICH

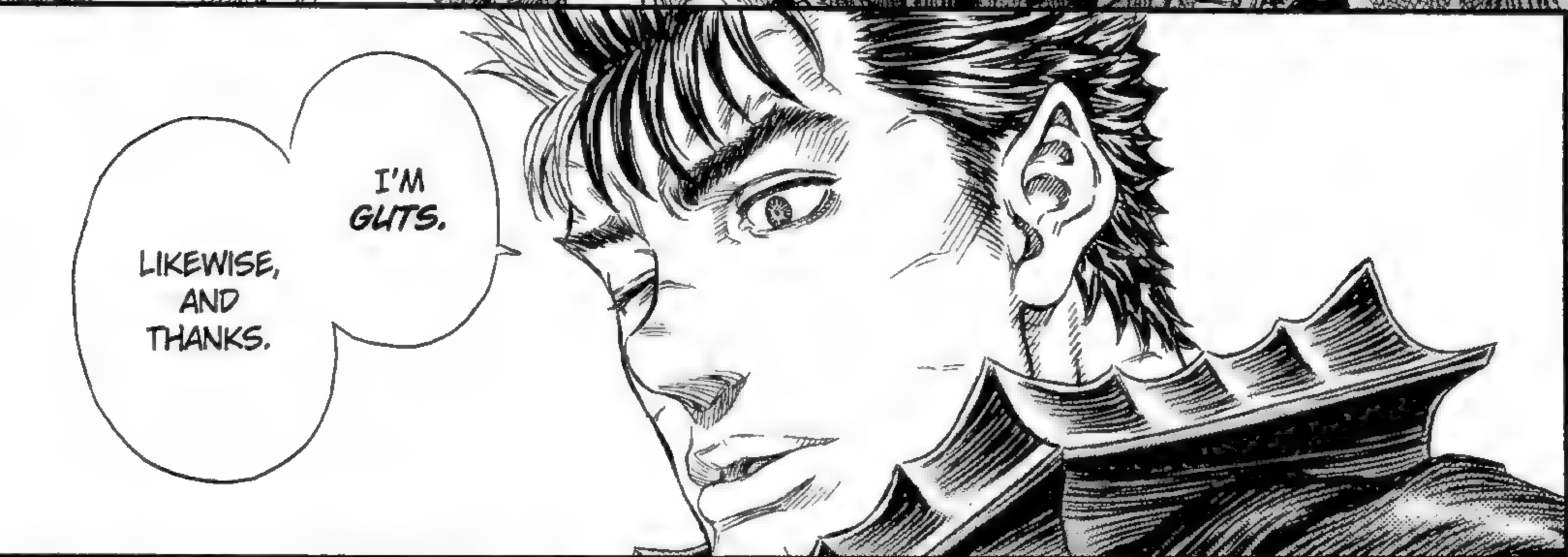




NICE
TO MEET
YOU,
CHIEF.

I'M
RODERICK.

*TNK
??



LIKEWISE,
AND
THANKS.

I'M
GLTS.



FORTUNATELY,
I'M
ANCHORED
OUTSIDE THE
HARBOR...

...BUT WE
CAN'T HAVE
THE SHIP
BURNING
DOWN BEFORE
WE SET SAIL.

RIGHT
AWAY?

!

LET'S
BE ON
OUR WAY
THEN.

RIGHT!



I'M...

I...



IF YOU'RE GOING BACK TO BRAJUE, I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MANIFICO?

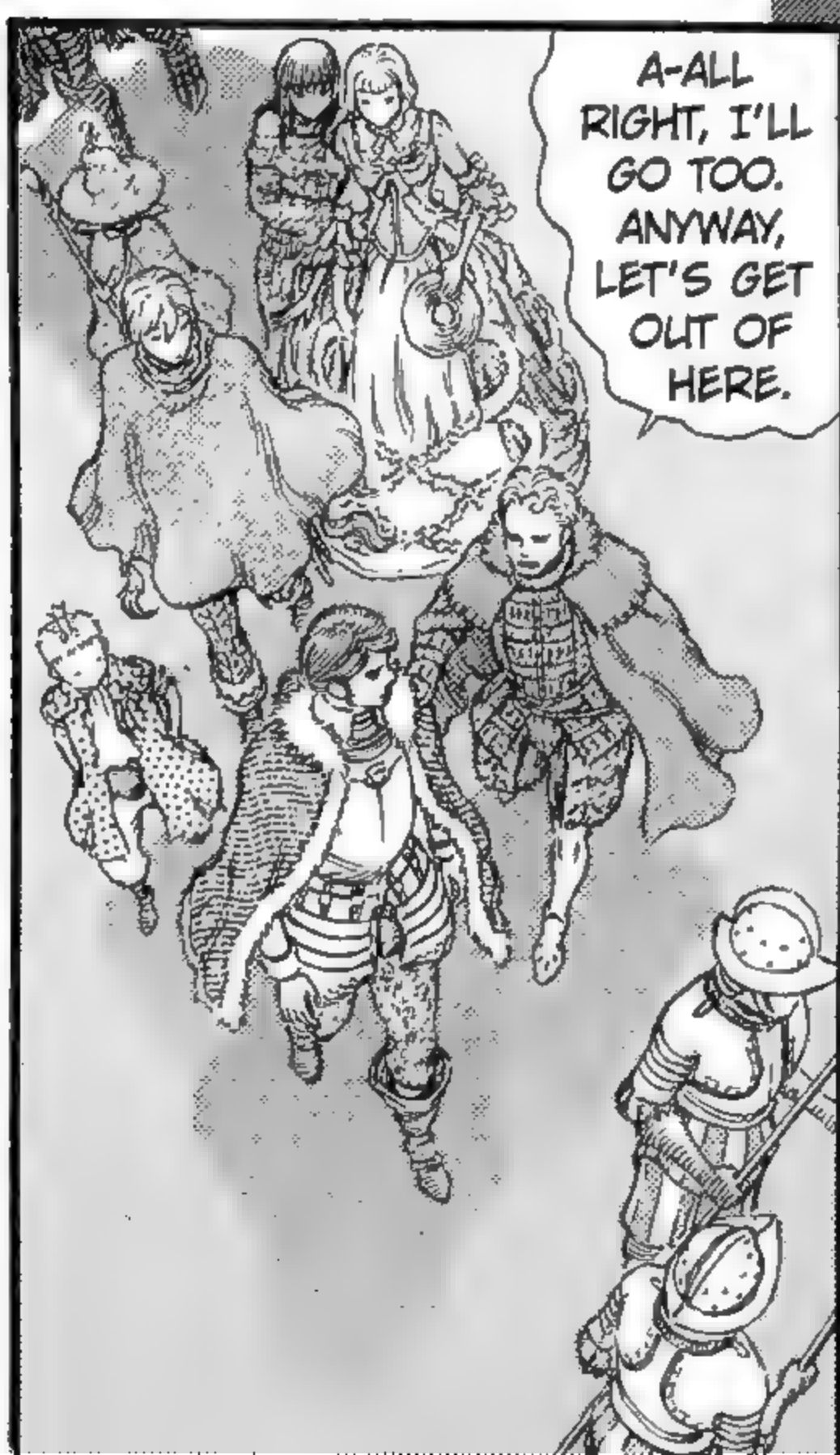


THANKFULLY, MOST OF THE LEADERS OF EACH NATION'S ARMY ARE HERE.

WE MIGHT AS WELL TURN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING INTO A COMMAND CENTER...

I WILL HAVE ALL OF US MOVED TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

WE CANNOT ASSUME THIS RECEPTION HALL IS SECURE.



A-ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO TOO. ANYWAY, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.



IT'S OBVIOUS I'LL BE CENSURED IF I STAY HERE IN VRITANNIS.

I'LL GO AWAY FOR NOW, UNTIL THINGS CALM DOWN...



YOUR PARDON, MILORD, BUT THIS IS NO TIME FOR...

?

YOU PEOPLE! DON'T MOVE FROM THERE!

EGH!

HURRY ...!

HE'S SEEN US!

HE WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN VRITANNIS TONIGHT, BUT HIS HEALTH FALTERED EN ROUTE AND HE NOW RESTS IN A TENT...

SURELY THIS IS DIVINE GUIDANCE.

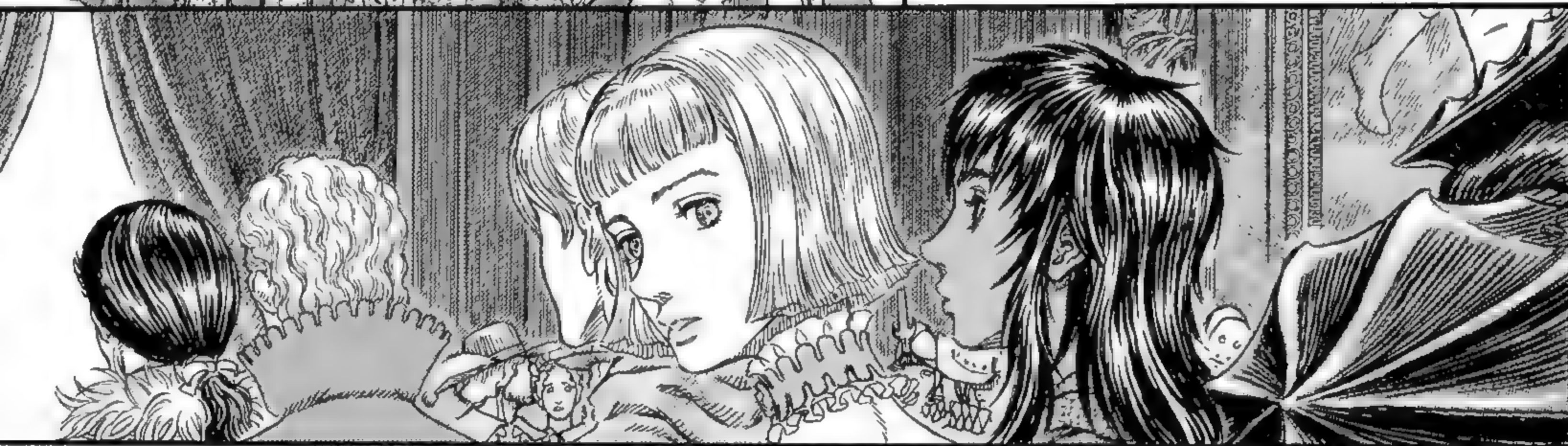
WHERE IS HIS HOLINESS THE PONTIFF ?

WHAT'RE YOU SCARED OF?

YOU'RE LOOKIN' ROUGH, PAL.



A SWIFT HORSE WILL SOON BE SENT TO WARN HIM NOT TO APPROACH THE CITY ...



FATHER...



...FARNESE.

NOT TO
MENTION
MANIFICO.

GOOD
JOURNEY
TO
YOU...



BUT YOU
DON'T KNOW
WHEN WE
MIGHT COME
ACROSS SOME
OF THOSE
MONSTERS IN
THE CITY!!

ON
FOOT
?!

KEEP
THAT FIRE
BURNING!

CROSSING
IT ON FOOT
WOULD BE
FASTER
THAN BY
CARRIAGE.

THE
WHOLE CITY'S
PROBABLY IN AN
UPROAR, AND
THEN THERE'S
THIS FOG.

ENEMIES
GOT INTO
THE
PALACE?!



WE'VE GOT
SOME RELIABLE
COMPANIONS,
IF IT COMES
TO THAT.



I... UM... WISH
TO CHANGE
CLOTHES, AS
I CANNOT RUN
IN THESE...

BE
THANK-
FUL.

IN
THAT CASE,
I BROUGHT
YOUR SILVER
SHIRT ALONG,
AS WELL
AS YOUR
KNIFE.



UM
...

JUST A
MOMENT,
PLEASE.



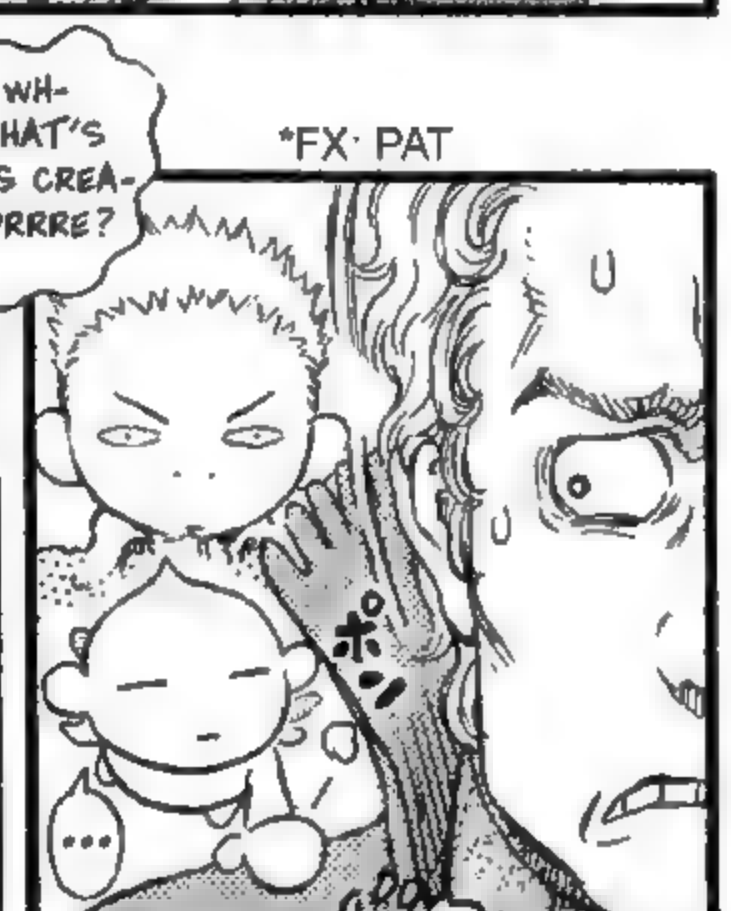
LEAVE IT TO US! WE'RE
PROS, MAN, **PROS!** WE
SAID WE'RE GETTIN' ON A
BIG SHIP, AND WE **WILL!**

YOURS'S
MORE
LIKE A
PIG
SHIP.



NICE TO
MEETCHA,
MANI-HICO.
♥
I'M
PUCK.

*FX: EHEE



WH-
WHAT'S
THIS CREA-
TURE?

*FX: PAT

*FLINCH



MIGHT
I...

...ASK
YOU
SOME-
THING
?

A VANDI-
MION,
BEHAVING
LIKE A
COMMON
THIEF
...!



IT CANNOT
BE HELPED.
I WILL LEAVE
THIS DRESS IN
EXCHANGE.

UH...
HEY!

SWEET,
NO-
BODY'S
AROUND.
LOOKS LIKE
THIS'RE
SIMPLE.

ONCE A
SNEAK
...

I'LL
STAND
GUARD.
MAKE IT
QUICK.

I
OB-
JECT.



...BY
CHANCE...

ARE
YOU...



...OF THE
BAND
OF THE
HAWK?

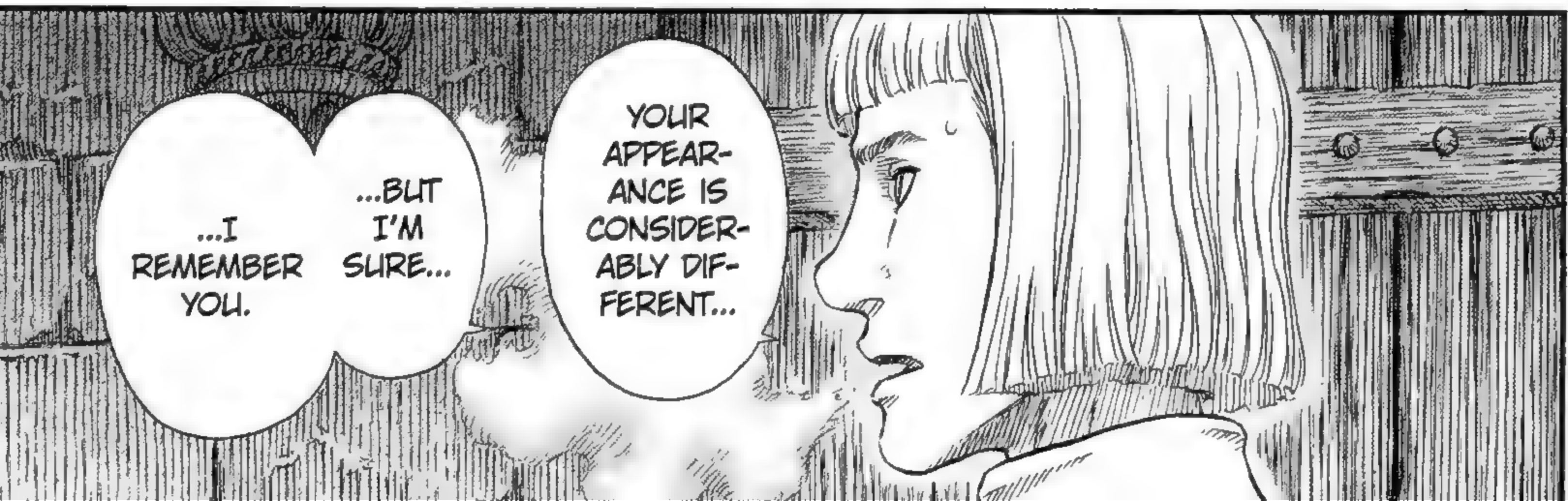
...THE
RAIDERS'
CAPTAIN...



I AM
OWEN.

FORMER
LEADER OF
MIDLAND'S
TOLMEL
KNIGHTS.

DIVINE REVELATION 天啓



...I
REMEMBER
YOU.

...BUT
I'M
SURE...

YOUR
APPEAR-
ANCE IS
CONSIDER-
ABLY DIF-
FERENT...



ABREAST OF
THE WHITE HAWK
YOU RODE,
A YOUNG
SWORDSMAN
WITH A LARGE
SWORD ON HIS
BACK AND EYES
LIKE A BEAST.

I
SAW YOU
SEVERAL
TIMES
ON THE
BATTLE-
FIELD.



YOUR
NAME
...?

CAPTAIN
OF THE
HAWK'S
RAIDERS...



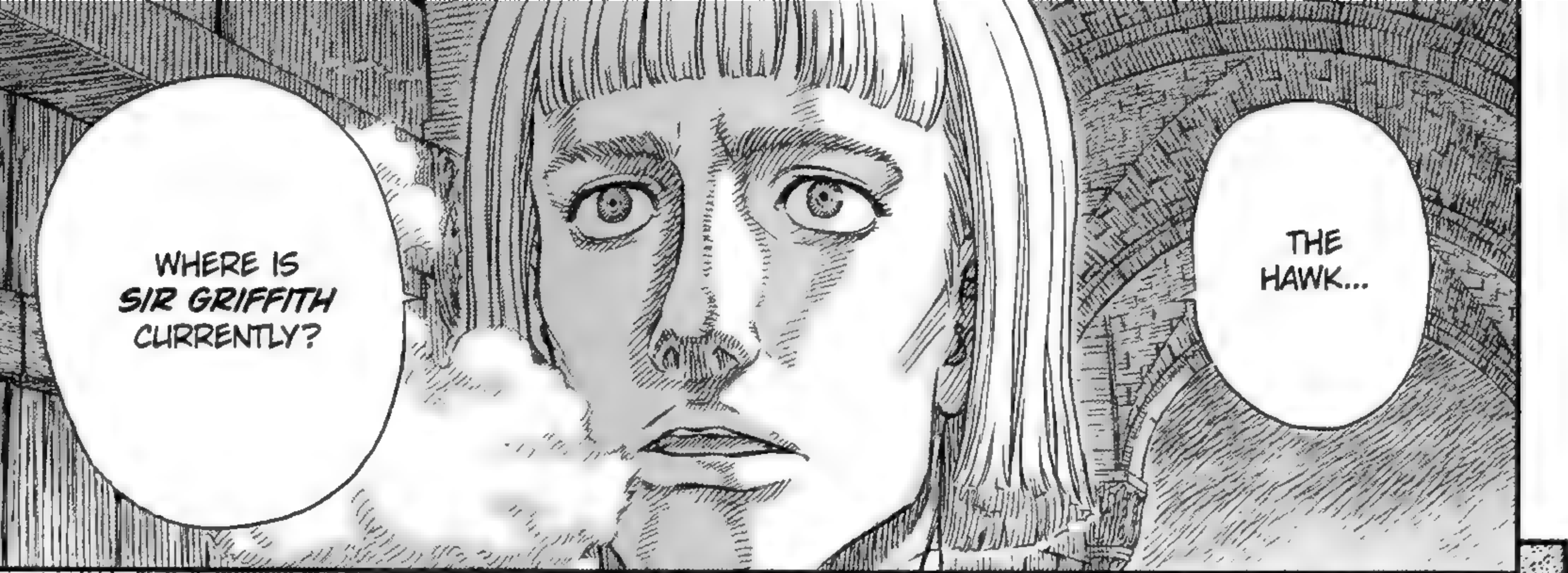
I MUST
ASK YOU
SOME-
THING!

WE'RE
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF
THINGS,
SO...



IT'S
HISTORY
NOW.

LET IT
GO.



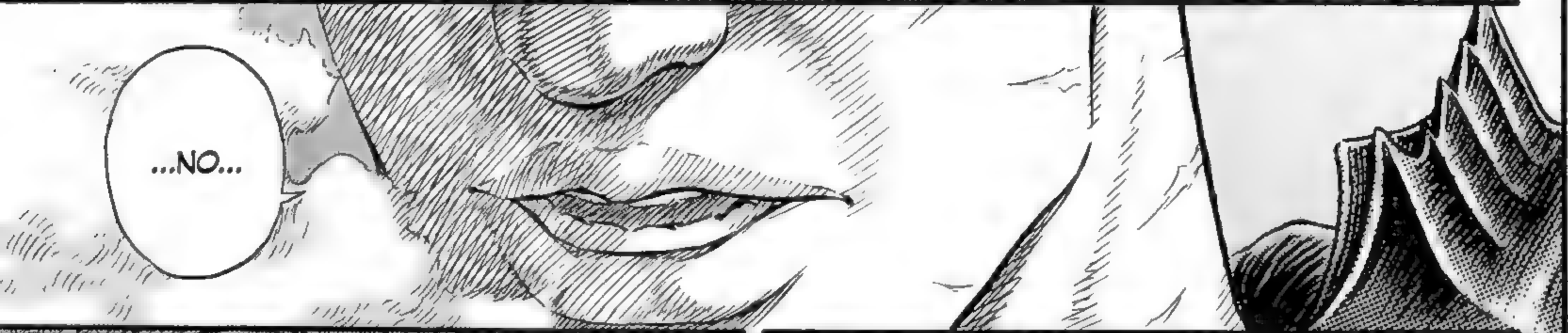
WHERE IS
SIR GRIFFITH
CURRENTLY?

THE
HAWK...

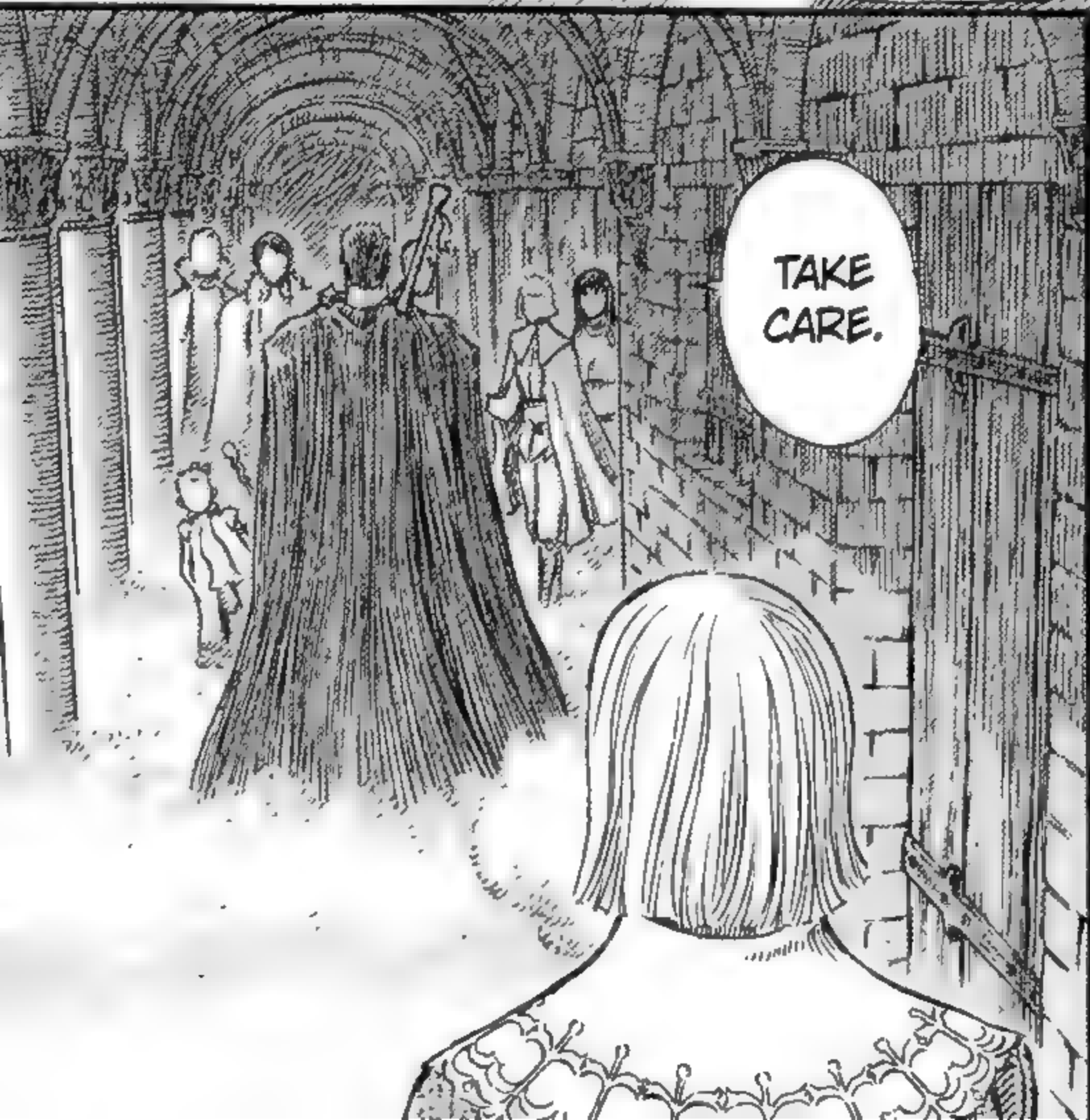


I DON'T
KNOW.

BUT
I WISH
I...



...NO...



TAKE
CARE.



HOW
DARE YOU
SNEAK IN
WHEN A
WOMAN IS
CHANGING
CLOTHES
?!

ALWAYS
A
SNEAK

IT
WAS SO
NATURAL,
I DIDN'T
NOTICE.

ぽい
ぽい
ぽい
BOK
BOK

SHE
SAYS
SHE'S
DONE.

THOSE
GUYS...

SAYS HE'S
LOOKIN'
FOR
SOMEONE.

I GUESS
I LOOK LIKE
SOMEBODY
HE USED
TO KNOW.

...ARE
GONE
NOW...

A
VANDIMION,
A THIEF...

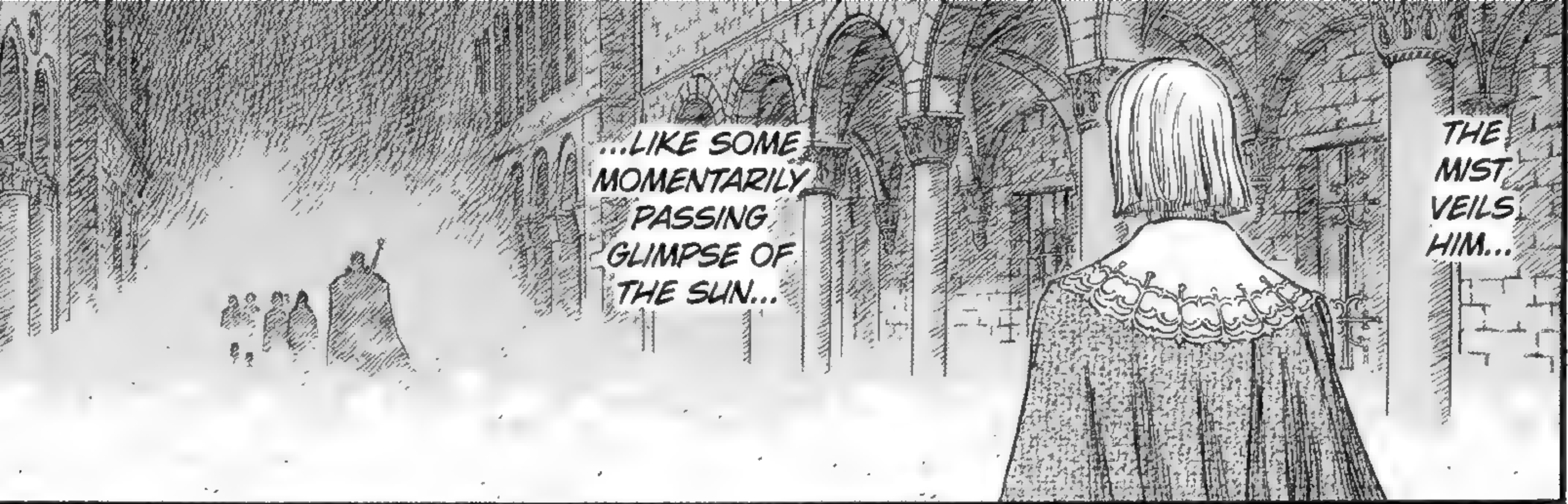
WITH THAT
DRESS,
YOU COULD
BUY TEN
OF THESE
OUTFITS AND
STILL HAVE
CHANGE.

HE MIGHT
BE CLOSER
THAN YOU
REALIZE.

WHO'S
HE?

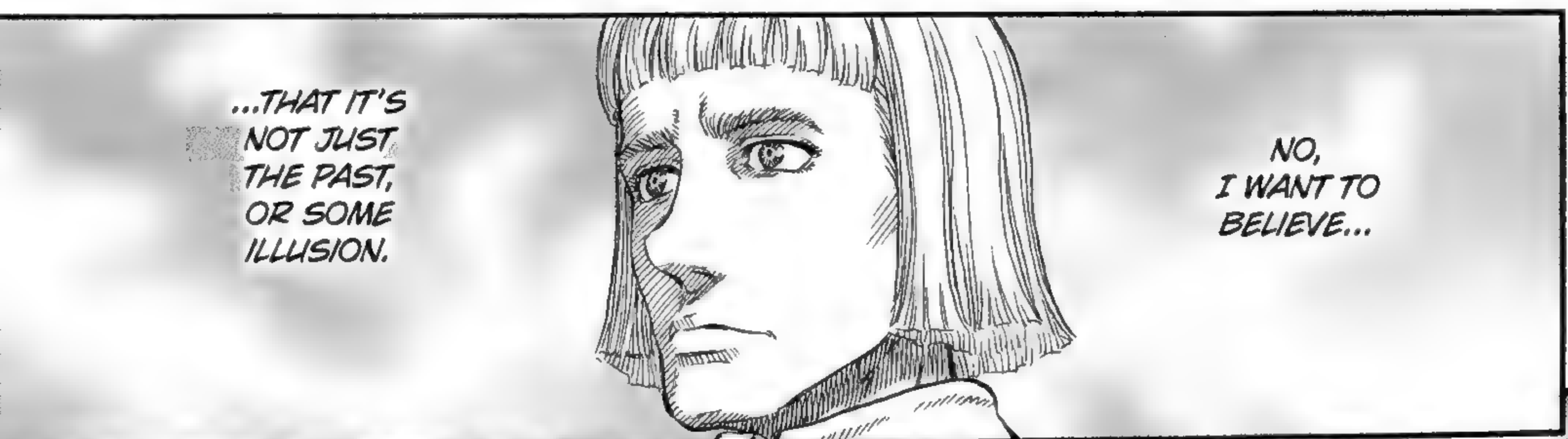
SOMEONE
YOU
KNOW?

WHO
KNOWS
?



...LIKE SOME
MOMENTARILY
PASSING
GLIMPSE OF
THE SUN...

THE
MIST
VEILS
HIM...



...THAT IT'S
NOT JUST
THE PAST,
OR SOME
ILLUSION.

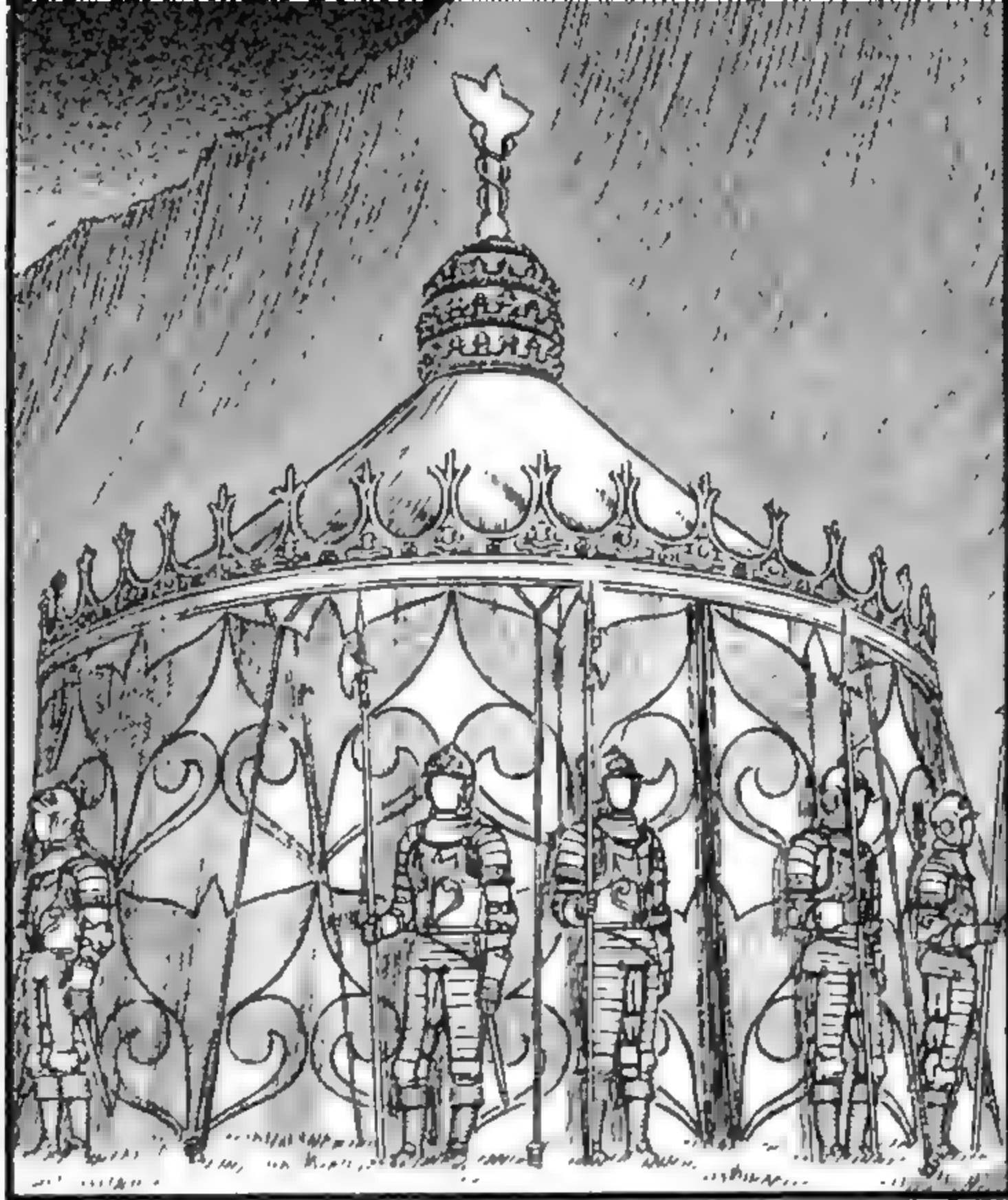
NO,
I WANT TO
BELIEVE...



...ONE DAY
THOSE
WINGS OF
LIGHT...

...WILL
SWEEP
AWAY THE
DARKNESS
COVERING
OUR
KINGDOM.

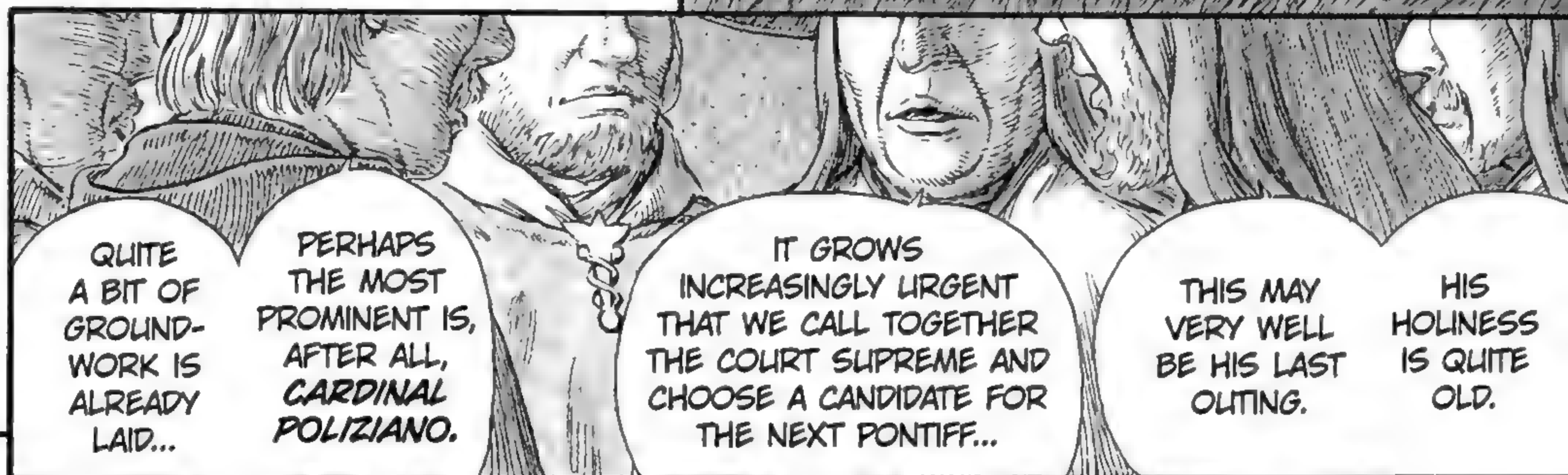
THAT, AS
IN THAT
REVELATION...



NOT VERY FAVORABLE. THIS IS A LONG JOURNEY, IN HIS STATE.

HOW IS HIS HOLINESS' CONDITION?

AND AT A TIME LIKE THIS, OF ALL TIMES.



QUITE A BIT OF GROUND-WORK IS ALREADY LAID...

PERHAPS THE MOST PROMINENT IS, AFTER ALL, **CARDINAL POLIZIANO.**

IT GROWS INCREASINGLY URGENT THAT WE CALL TOGETHER THE COURT SUPREME AND CHOOSE A CANDIDATE FOR THE NEXT PONTIFF...

THIS MAY VERY WELL BE HIS LAST OUTING.

HIS HOLINESS IS QUITE OLD.

SHOULD HIS PAPACY NOT LAST LONG, LET US CONSENT TO ANOTHER CANDIDATE AS WELL.

YES, I SEE.

AND INTEMPERANCE HAUNTS HIM, TO THE DETRIMENT OF HIS HEALTH.

HE SEEMS QUITE LIBERAL.

HE WAS
A TRULY
ADEQUATE
MAN.

COMPARED TO
PONTIFFS PAST,
HE ACCOMPLISHED
NOTHING SPECIAL
THAT STOOD OUT,
BUT AT THE SAME
TIME, HE NEVER
MISGOVERNED TO
THE POINT OF
CENSURE.

HIS
HOLINESS
WAS,
HOW SHALL
I SAY, A
MODERATE
MAN.



WORTHLESS...

THAT I'VE
CONTINUALLY
CHANTED IN
MY MIND LIKE
A CURSE...

THIS
THOUGHT
THAT WOULD
NEVER
FINALLY
DISAPPEAR...

ALL THOSE
YEARS THAT
BROUGHT
ME TO
THIS AGE...

*FX: SSSS

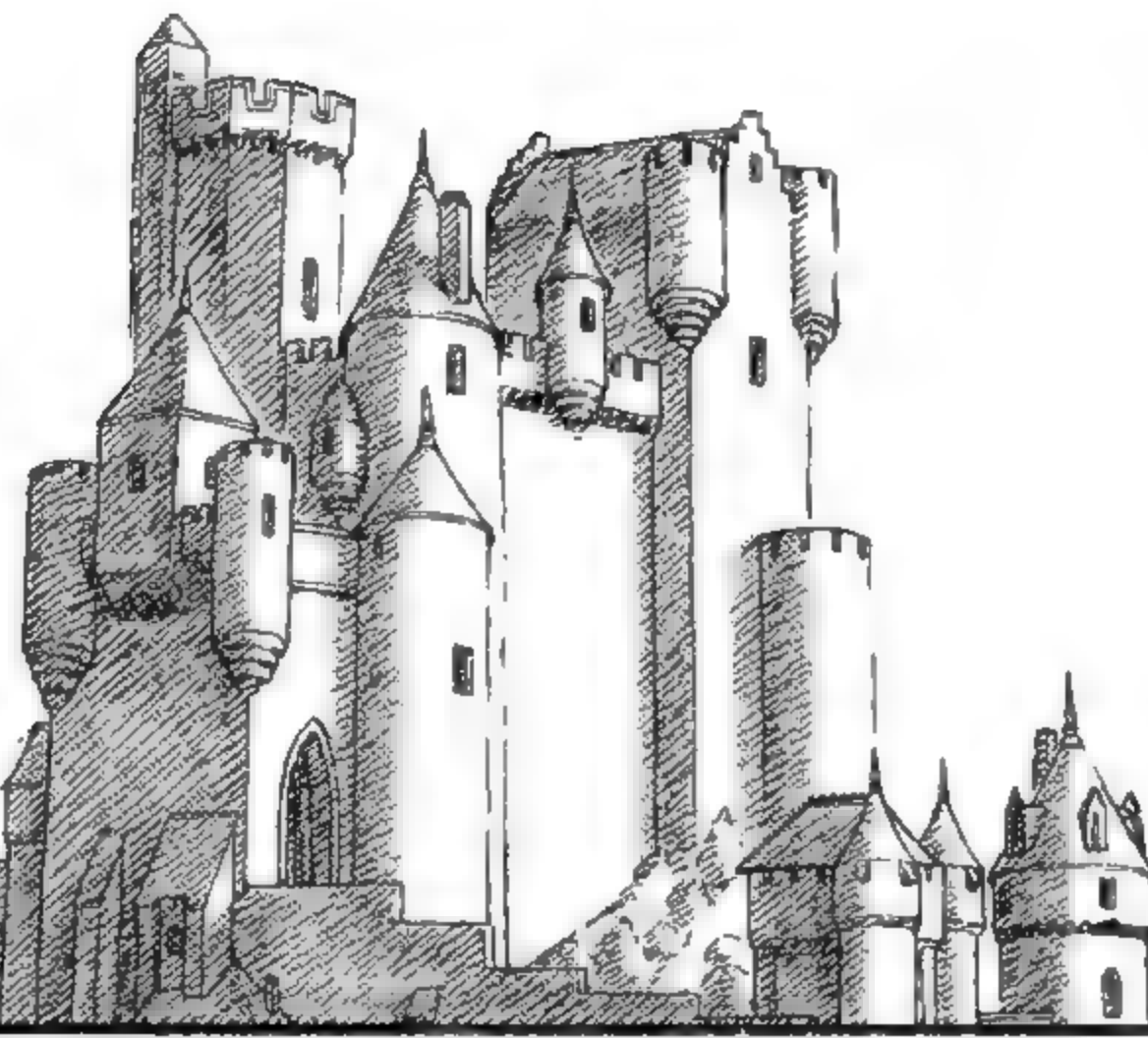
...AND THAT,
MORE THAN
ANYTHING,
I AM
WORTHLESS.

THAT THIS
WORLD IS
WORTHLESS...



I GREW TO
ADULTHOOD,
NEVER ONCE
EMBRACING
INTENSE
ANGER OR
AFFECTION.

I PASSED MY
SEASON OF
CHILDHOOD
WITHOUT
DISCONTENT,
THEN I
PASSED MY
YOUTH
WITHOUT
DISCONTENT.



BORN INTO A
DISTINGUISHED
FAMILY, I WAS
RAISED
BLESSED BY
PARENTAL LOVE
AND WANTING
FOR NOTHING.

...ADORNING
WALLS,
WITHOUT
ANY SENSE
OF REAL
FEELING.



TO ME,
WHO LONGED
NOT AFTER
OTHERS, THE
WORLD WAS
IN SOME
WAY VERY
CLEARLY
EQUIVALENT
TO A
PAINTING...

EVEN MY RECEIPT OF THE
HOLY TITLE OF PONTIFF
CAME OF THOSE WHO
DESIRED SUCCESS FOILING
EACH OTHER OR FALLING
INTO THE GRAVES THEY
THEMSELVES DUG. THE
CROWN JUST HAPPENED TO
PASS TO ME, ONE WHO
DOES NOTHING. IT WASN'T
SOMETHING I WANTED.

THE REASON I
DEVOTED MYSELF TO
THE PATH OF FAITH
WAS BECAUSE I HAD
NO INTEREST IN
SUCH A WORLD...
NEVER BECAUSE
I WAS SEEKING
DIALOGUE
WITH GOD.

NEVER HAVE
I OFFERED
UP PRAYER
FROM MY
OWN HEART.

EVEN AS
PONTIFF,
I KEPT
QUIET AND
DID WHAT I
WAS TOLD.

...OR FOR
MYSELF
THAT WAS
WORTH
PRAYING
FOR.

SOME
PONTIFF I
TURNED
OUT
TO BE.

THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S
BECAUSE I'VE
NEVER ONCE
HARBORED A
WISH FOR
OTHERS...

...IDLE
LIFETIME
WILL NOW
END.



BUT NOW,
ENOUGH.

THIS VACANT,
TEDIOUS...

NOTHING
BUT A STALE
CHILL...

IT WAS
ALL A
WASTE
OF TIME.

IN THE END,
THE DIVINE
HAND OF
DESTINY WAS
NEVER HELD
OUT TO ME.

THERE
WAS NO
LOVE,
HATRED,
NOTHING.

... BUT
JUST ONCE ONCE ...





**A
DREAM
...?!**

**OR
ELSE...**



**WHAT'S
THIS...?!**



**HAS
MY...?!**

**IS
THAT...**

**HAS
THE...?!**

**...WHAT
YOU
ARE?!**

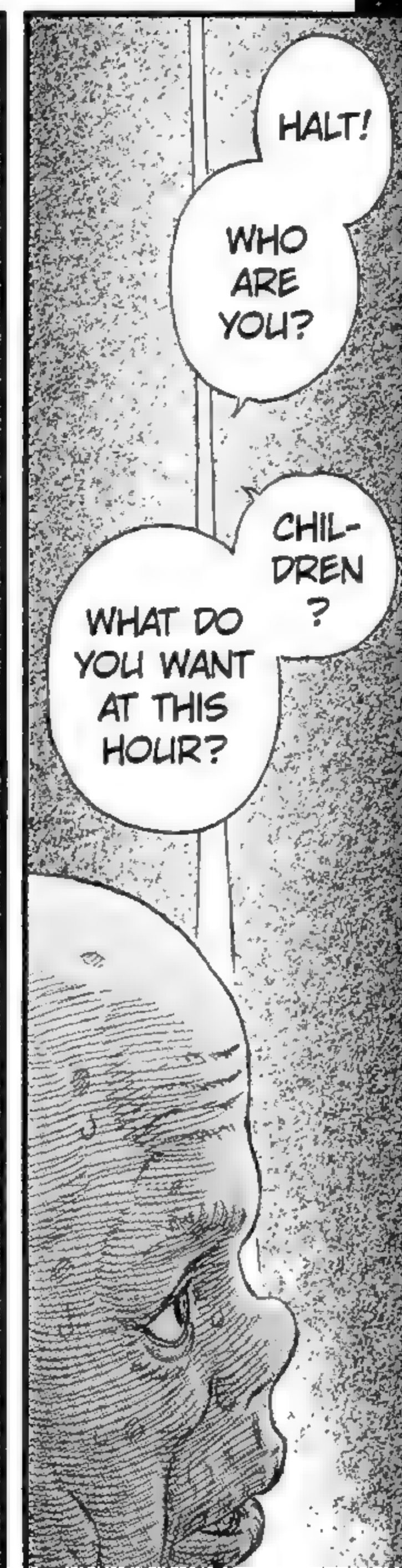
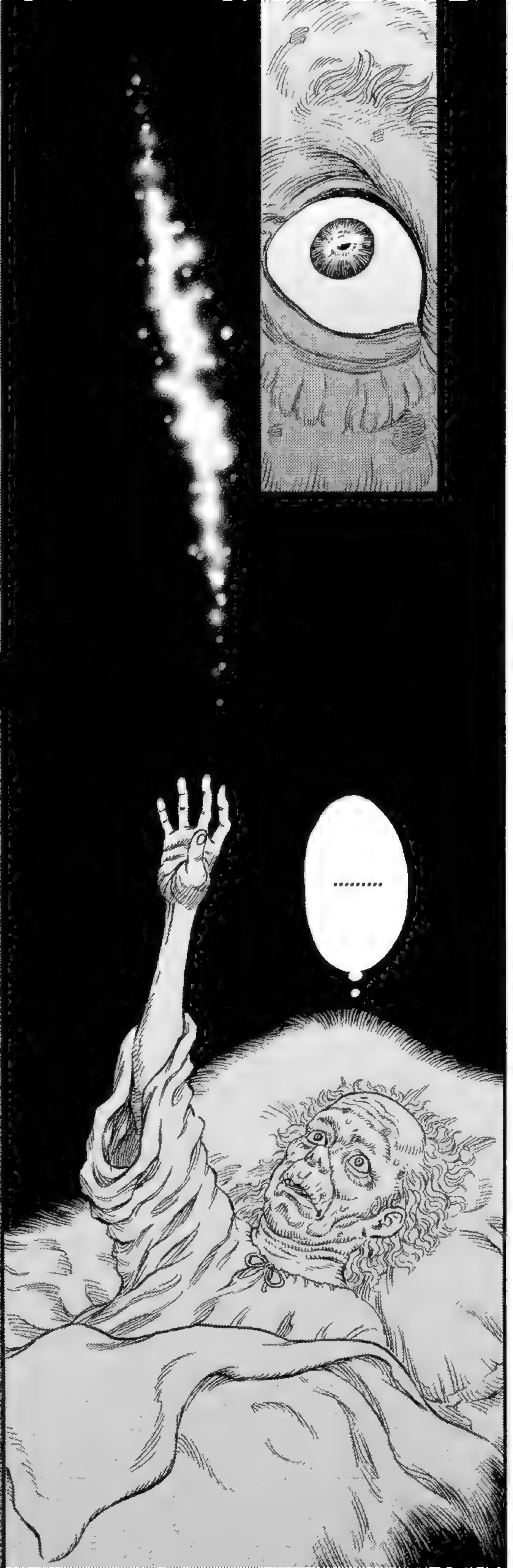


**HAS IT
BEEN HELD
OUT TO ME,
TOO?!**



**THE DIVINE
HAND OF
DESTINY...?**







"...FOLLOW
THE
GUIDANCE
OF THE
FEATHERS
OF LIGHT."

I
THINK
...?

LIMMMM
...

"IF YOU
WOULD
GRASP
DESTINY
IN YOUR
HAND..."



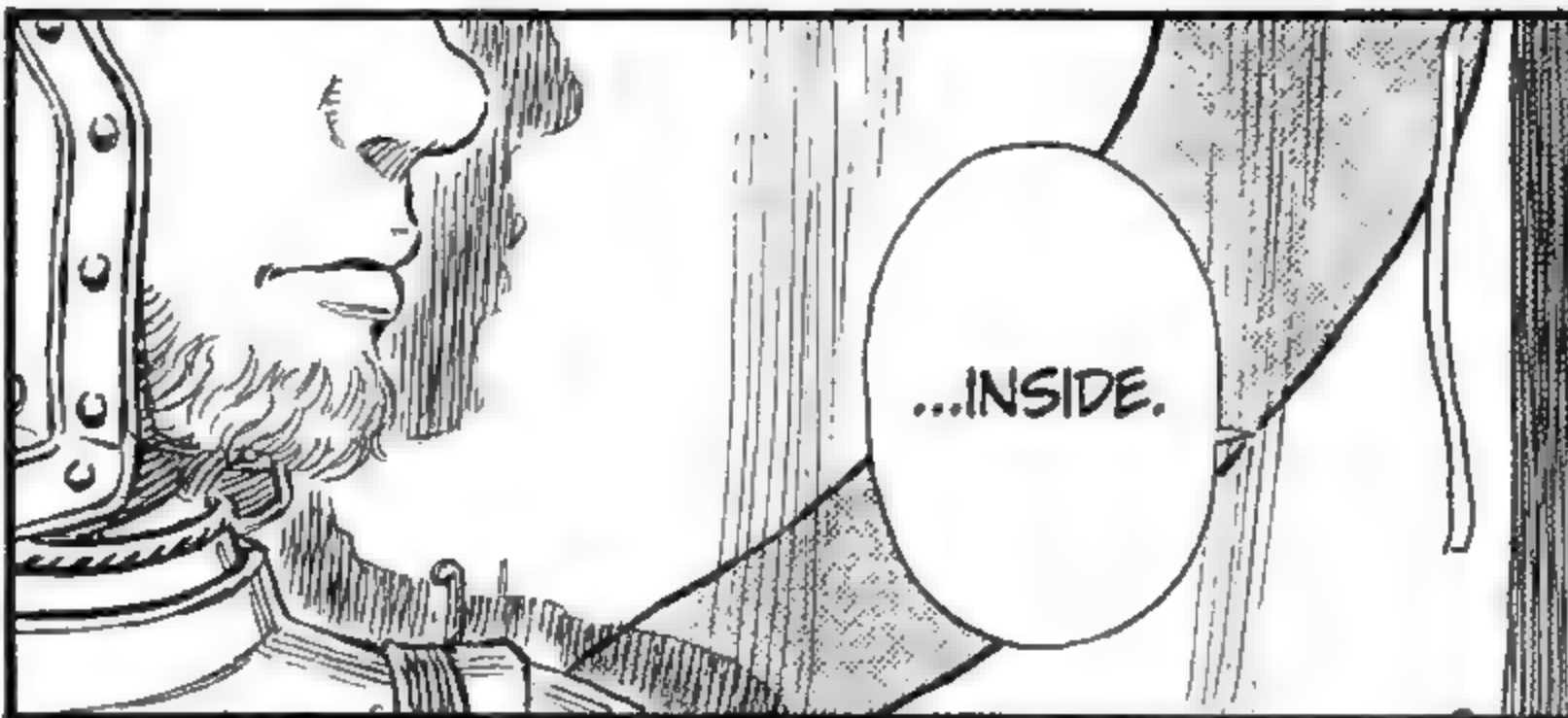
I
DON'T
MIND.



WHAT
NON-
SENSE...

ENOUGH,
GO HOME.

*FX: SHOO



...INSIDE.



SHOW
THEM...



*SHOOMP



BUT,
HOLI-
NESS...

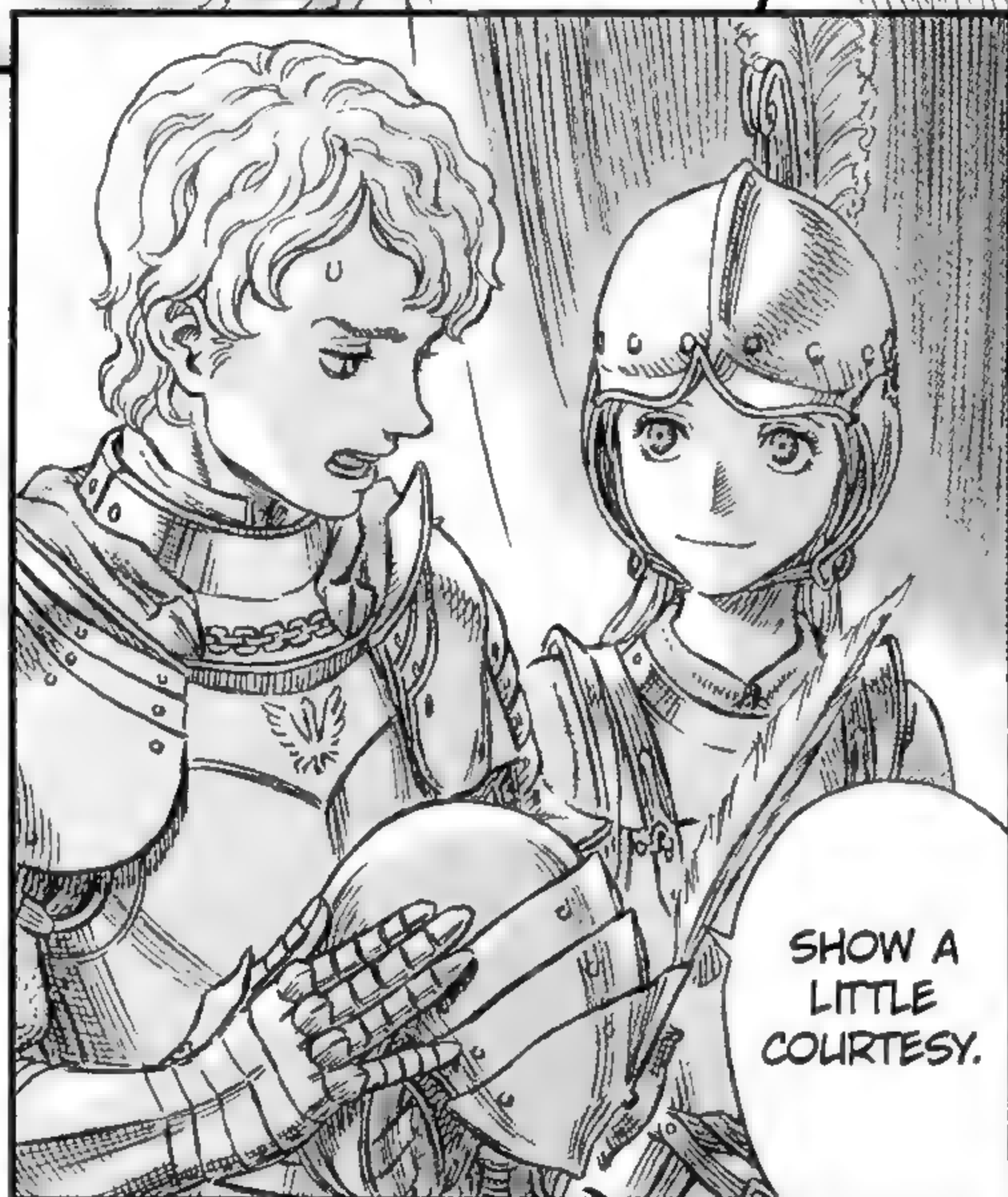
IT WILL
HARM
YOUR...



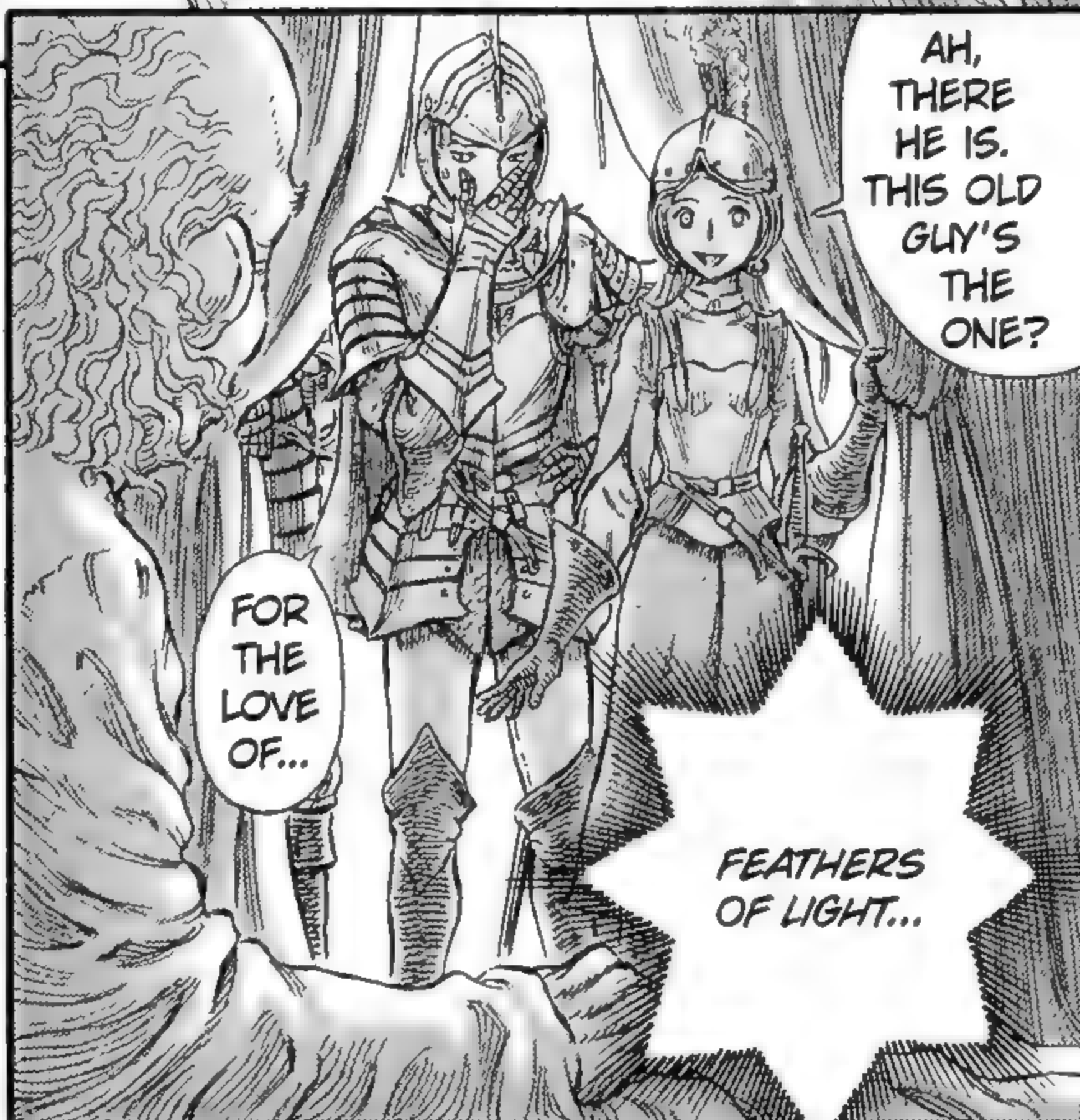
YOU
HEARD
WHAT HE
SAID.

AH,
HEY...!





SHOW A
LITTLE
COURTESY.



FOR
THE
LOVE
OF...

AH,
THERE
HE IS.
THIS OLD
GLY'S
THE
ONE?

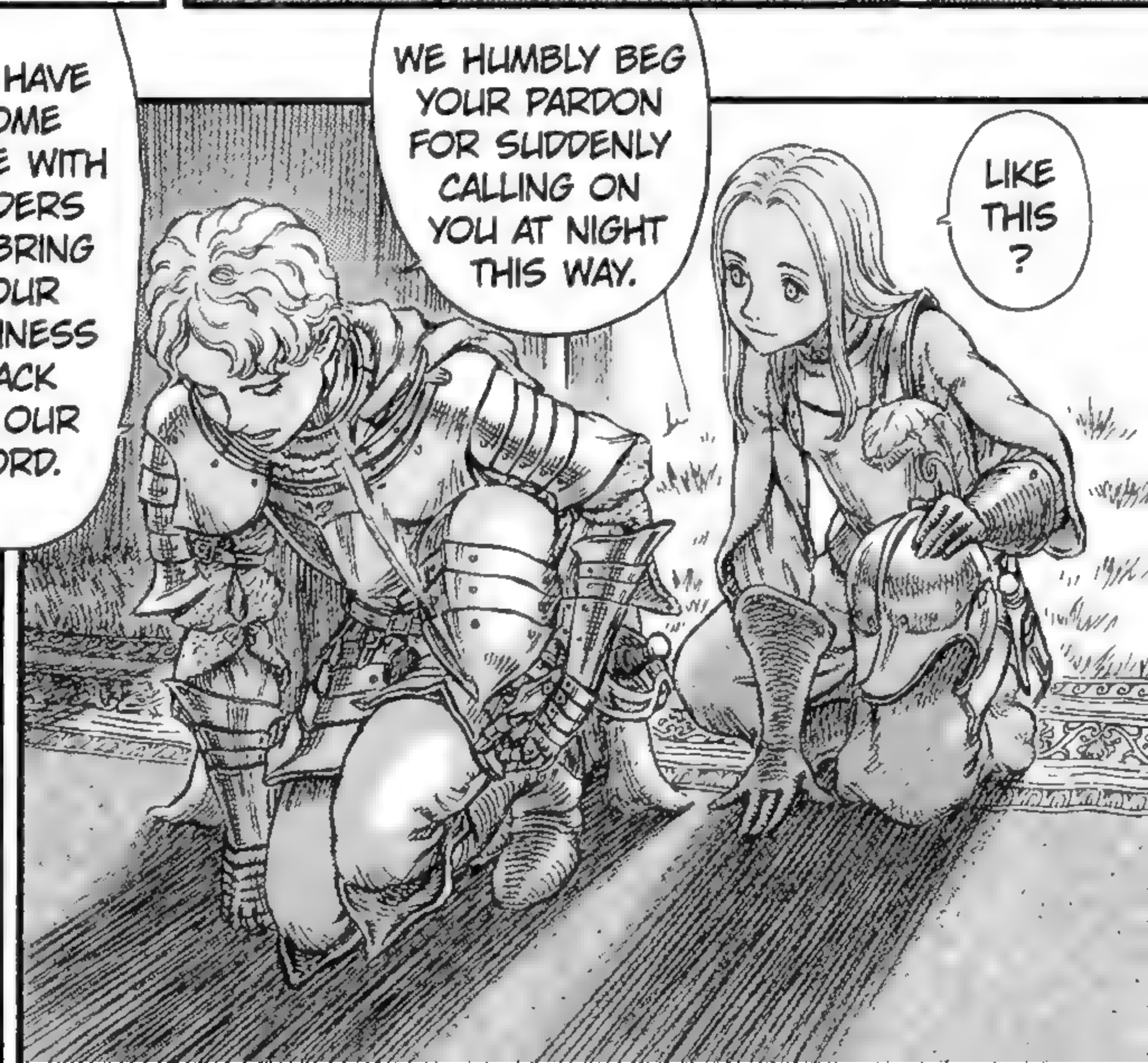
FEATHERS
OF LIGHT...



YOU TWO
AREN'T
MESSEN-
GERS FROM
VRITANNIS
?

NO,
SIR.

WE HAVE
COME
HERE WITH
ORDERS
TO BRING
YOUR
HOLINESS
BACK
TO OUR
LORD.



WE HUMBLY BEG
YOUR PARDON
FOR SUDDENLY
CALLING ON
YOU AT NIGHT
THIS WAY.

LIKE
THIS
?

...AND YOU
THINK WE
CAN SIMPLY
ACCEPT THE
WORD OF
SUCH
CHILDREN
AS THE
TRUTH?!

I'M
DEFINITELY
OF THE
SAME
OPINION...

YOU'RE A
MESSENGER
FROM WE
KNOW NOT
WHOM...

ARGGH!
ENOUGH OF
THIS!

HE MUST
ADMINISTER IMPOR-
TANT SACRED RITES
AT THE DEPLOY-
MENT CEREMONY
FOR THE HOLY SEE
ALLIANCE FORCES.

HIS
HOLINESS
THE PONTIFF
WILL
PROCEED
FROM
HERE TO
VRITANNIS!

LORD
GRIFFITH...

WHAT IS HE
THINKING
WITH THIS?

IS THIS
REALLY
GOING
TO WORK
...?

IT'S GOING
TO WORK,
DON'T YOU
WORRY,
THIS'S ME
TALKING.

NAY.

GUARDS,
THROW
THEM
OUT.

WHOOPS?

FI-
GURES?

ひょい
HEFT



...LET'S
DEPART
IMMEDIATELY.

AS
THEY HAVE
SAID...



HOLI-
NESS
...?!

SEE
?



IT'S MY
HOLY
COMMAND
AS
PONTIFF.

...TO
CONTRADICT
ME AT ALL
ON THIS
MATTER.

I FORBID
ANYONE...

IT IS REQUESTED THAT HIS HOLINESS THE PONTIFF REMAIN IN THIS PLACE AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES APPROACH THE CITY...

VRITANNIS HAS FALLEN UNDER A SURPRISE KUSHAN ATTACK AND IS NOW IN A STATE OF COMBAT!

WHAT IN THE WORLD HAS COME OVER YOU?

HOLINESS...

REPORTING! URGENT NEWS HAS JUST ARRIVED...!

WH...

WHAT?!

IT'S LIKE THEY'RE POINTING OUT THE PATH OF DESTINY.

INTERESTING...

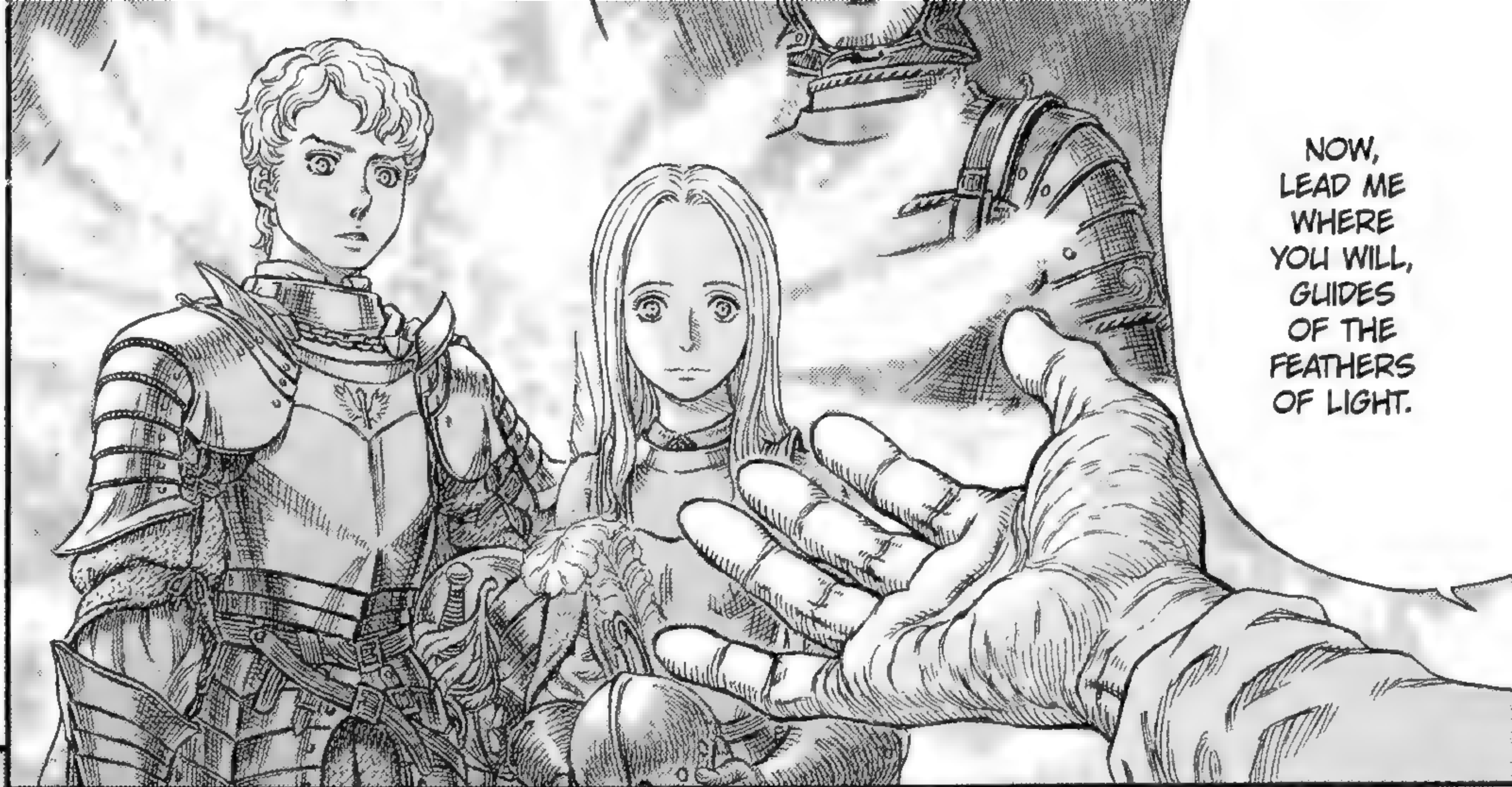
THE HOLY SIGNS ARE COMING TOGETHER.

HOLINESS...?

...WOULD MY LIFE BE GIVEN MEANING.

KHOHO

WHO KNEW THAT ONLY NOW, WHEN MY FLAME OF LIFE IS TRULY CLOSE TO GOING OUT...



NOW,
LEAD ME
WHERE
YOU WILL,
GUIDES
OF THE
FEATHERS
OF LIGHT.



**THERE'S
BEEN A
DIVINE
REVELATION.**

BERSERK

**CITY OF DEMON
BEASTS, PART 1**

妖獸都市①

BERSERK



DEFEND
THIS AREA
WITH YOUR
LIVES!!

YOU
MUSTN'T
FALL
BACK!!

DON'T
FALTER
!!



*AGGHHHH

AGHH!
HERE THEY
COMME!

DON'T
BE
FOOLED
BY IT!!

THIS IS
KLUSHAN
MAGIC
TRICKERY
....!!



*VNGEEEE





IGH!

CAPTAIN!!
THESE
ARE NO
TRICKS....!!

*RUSH

*THNK

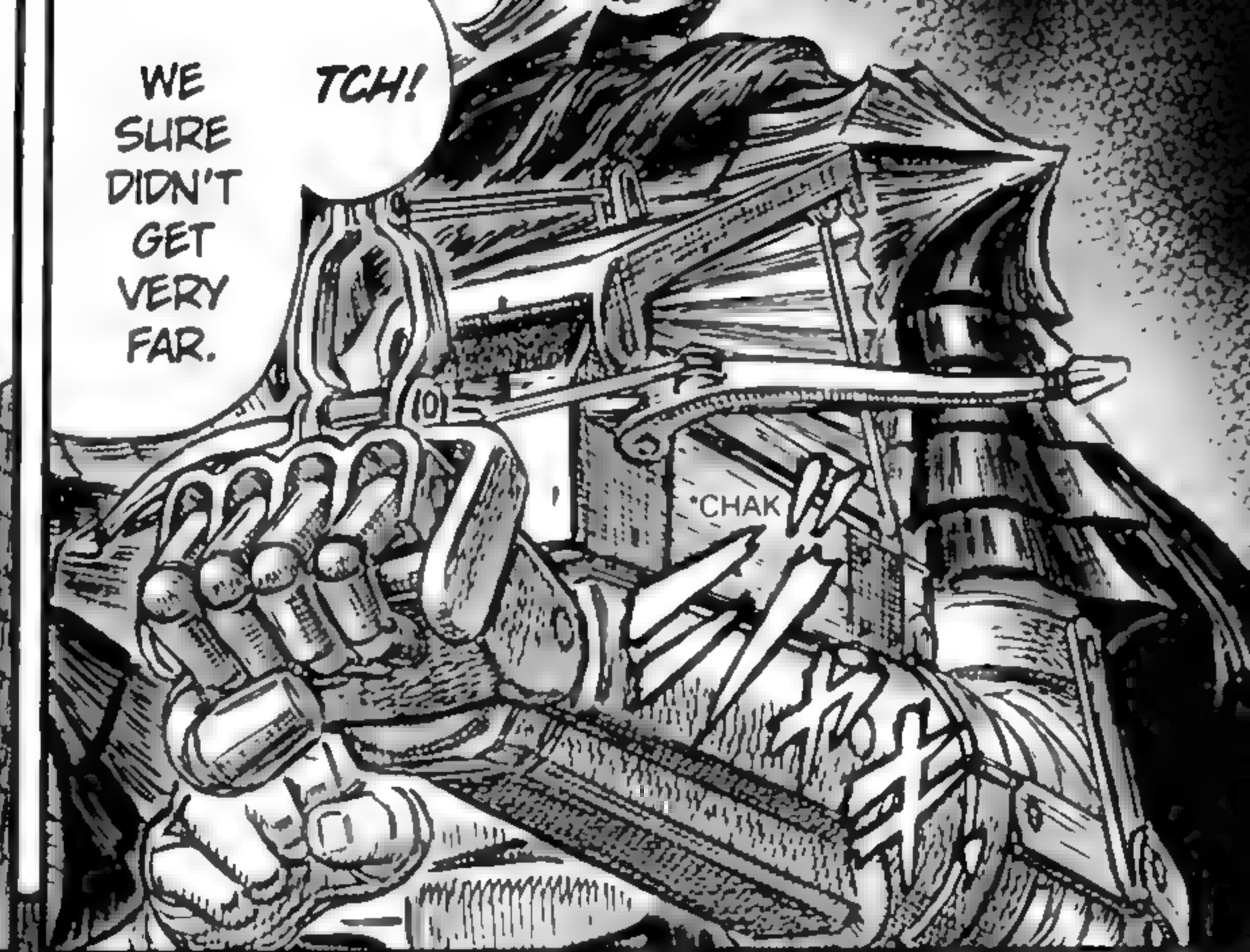
*THNK

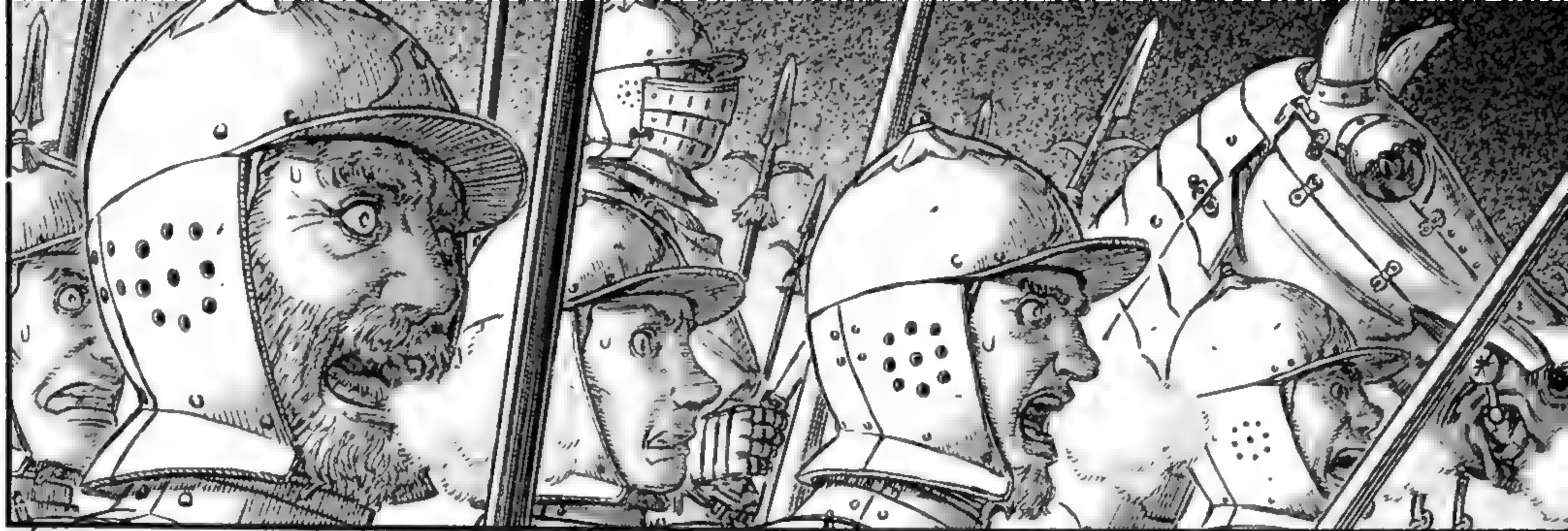
*THNK

*THNK

R-
REIN-
FORCE-
MENTS?!

*DSH DSH DSH





THIS IS NOTHIN' COMPARED TO WHEN I WAS FIGHTIN' SERPICO.

GLUTS, BE CAREFUL. IF YOU AREN'T, THE ARMOR'S POWER WILL...

HE KILLED THOSE MONSTERS IN ONE STROKE...!!

WH-WHO IS THAT MAN...?!



HEY, YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? THAT GLUTS SWORDSMAN IS ONE THING, BUT THOSE TWO...

YEAHHH! I THINK WE'LL JUMP IN, TOO!

AND ONE'S A KID.

WITH CAUTION.









H-HE
FLEW
...!!

HE CUT
THEM
DOWN
WITHOUT
TOUCH-
ING...?!

THE
ENEMY
BURST
INTO
FLAMES
...?!



MAGIC
...?

DUMMY.
IT'S MAGIC,
OF
COURSE.

WHAT
THE
...?!



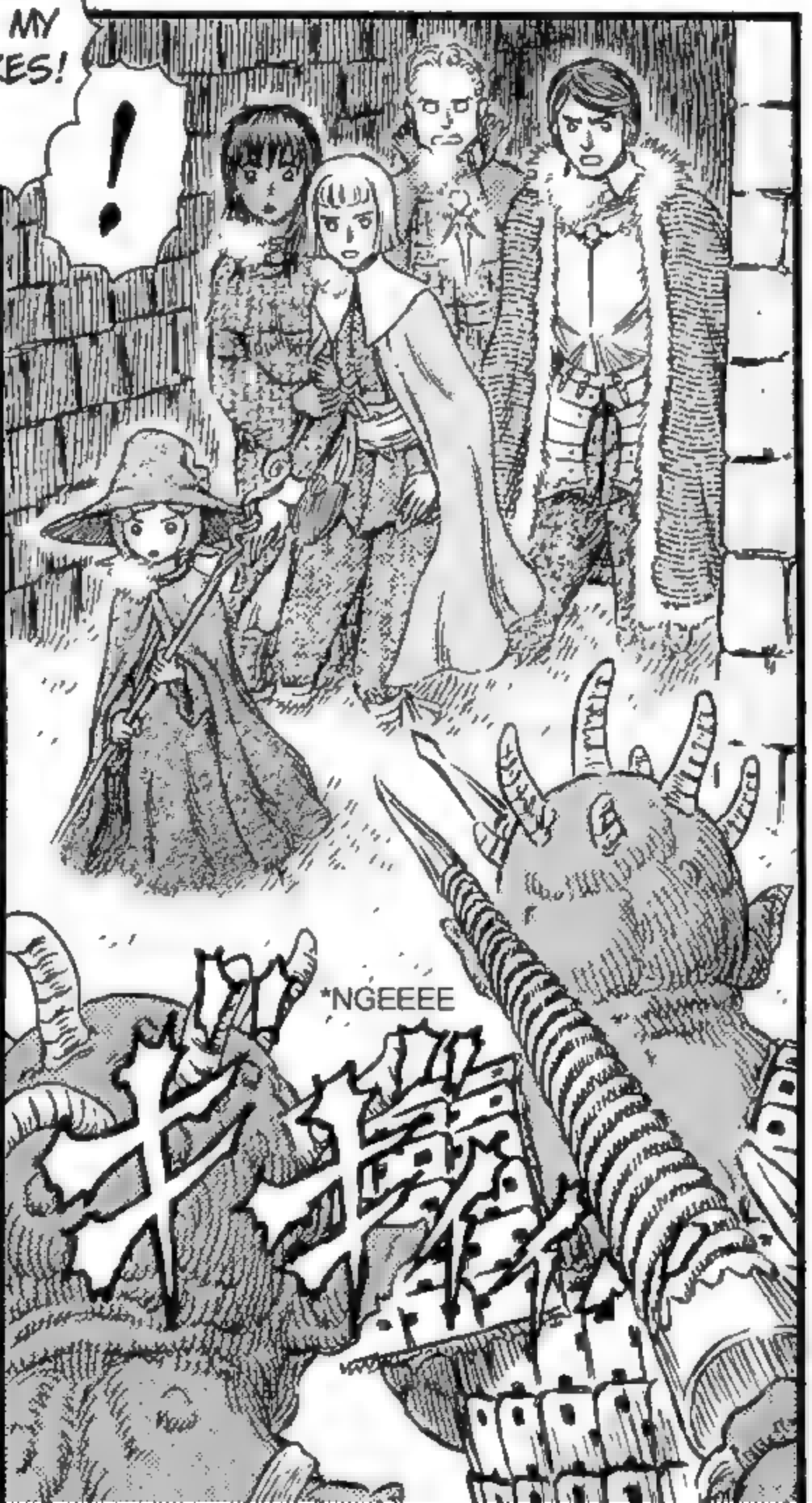
*VNGYAH

THAT'S
RIGHT,
SUFFER.
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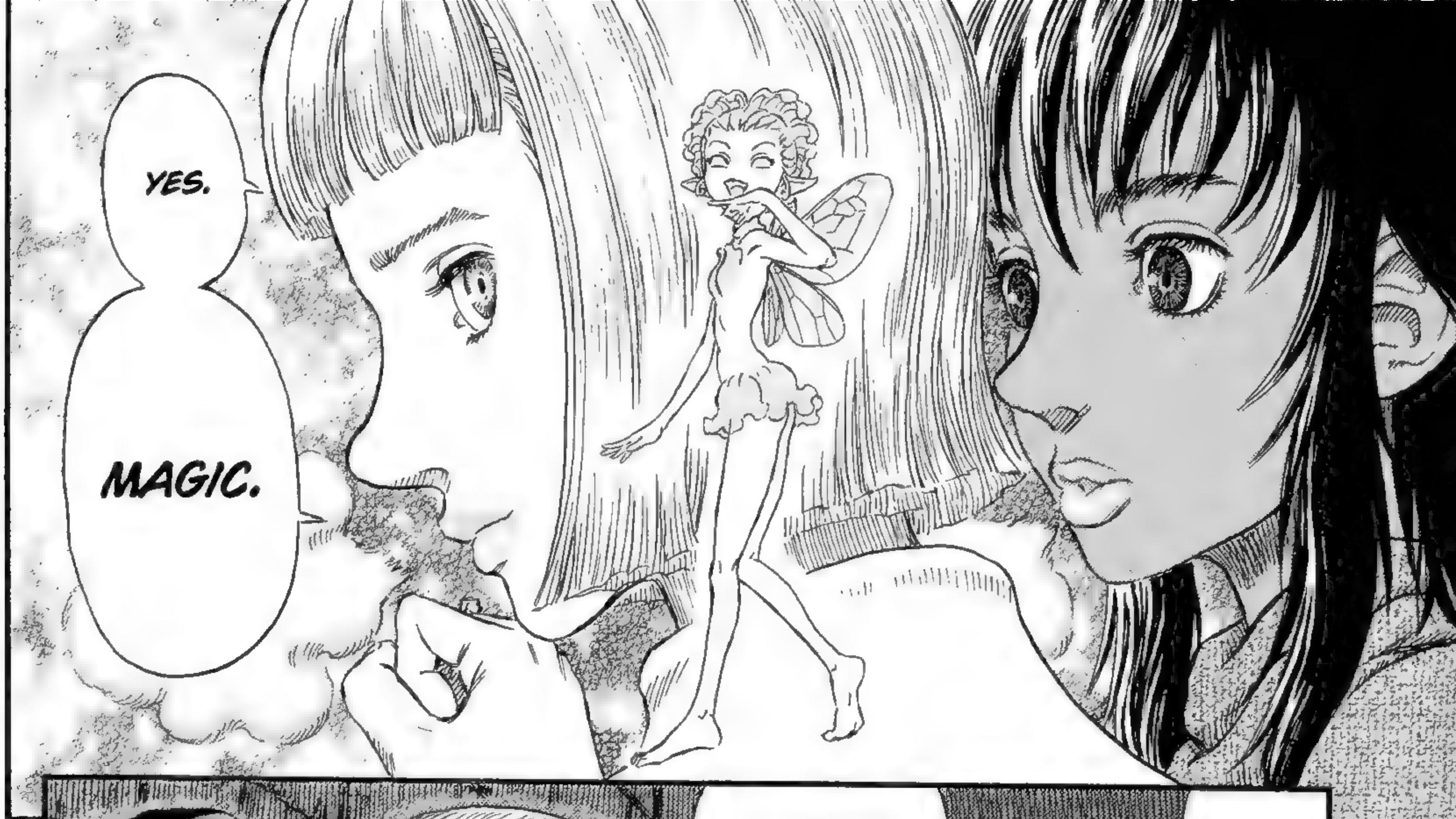


HEY!
USE MY
SNAKES!

*SHFF

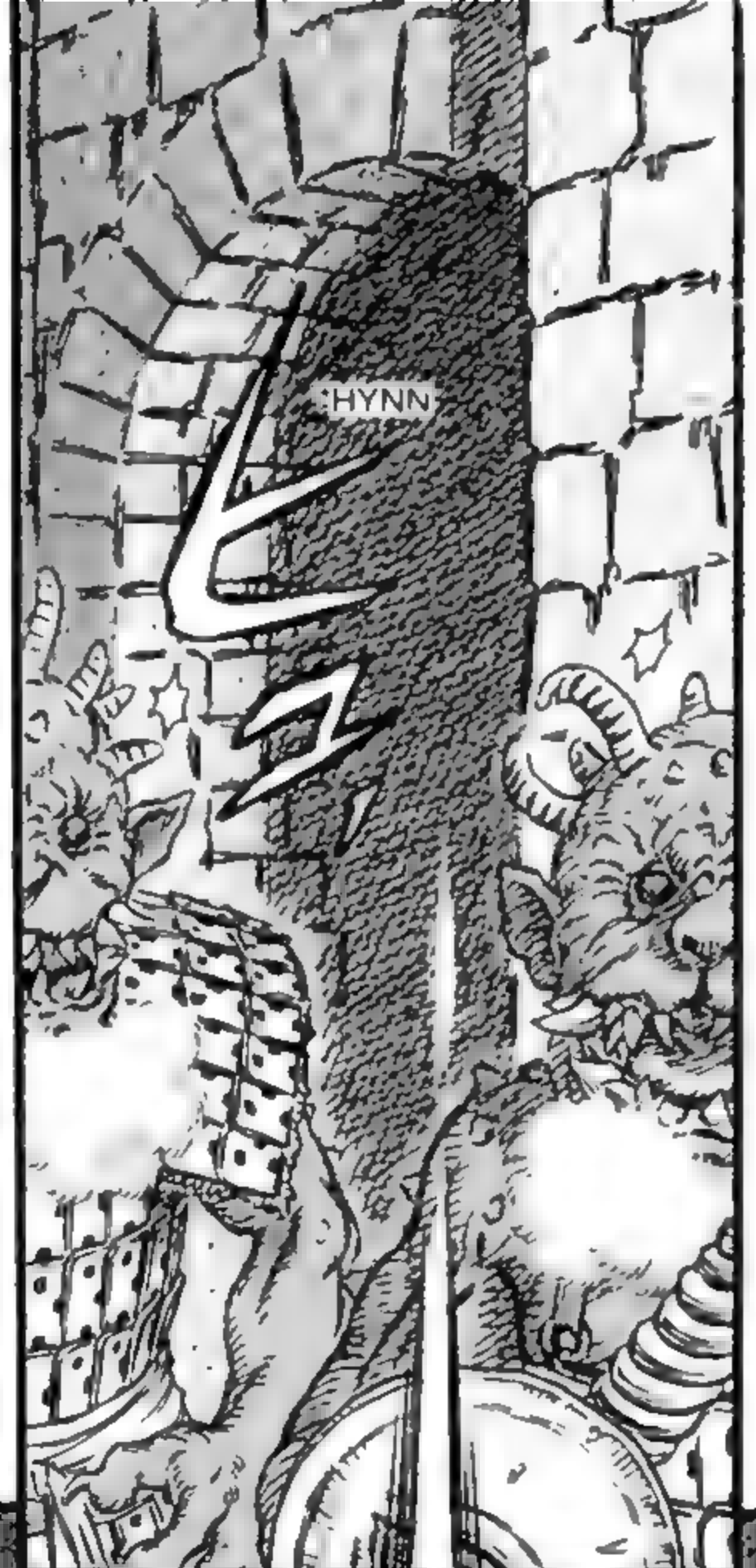
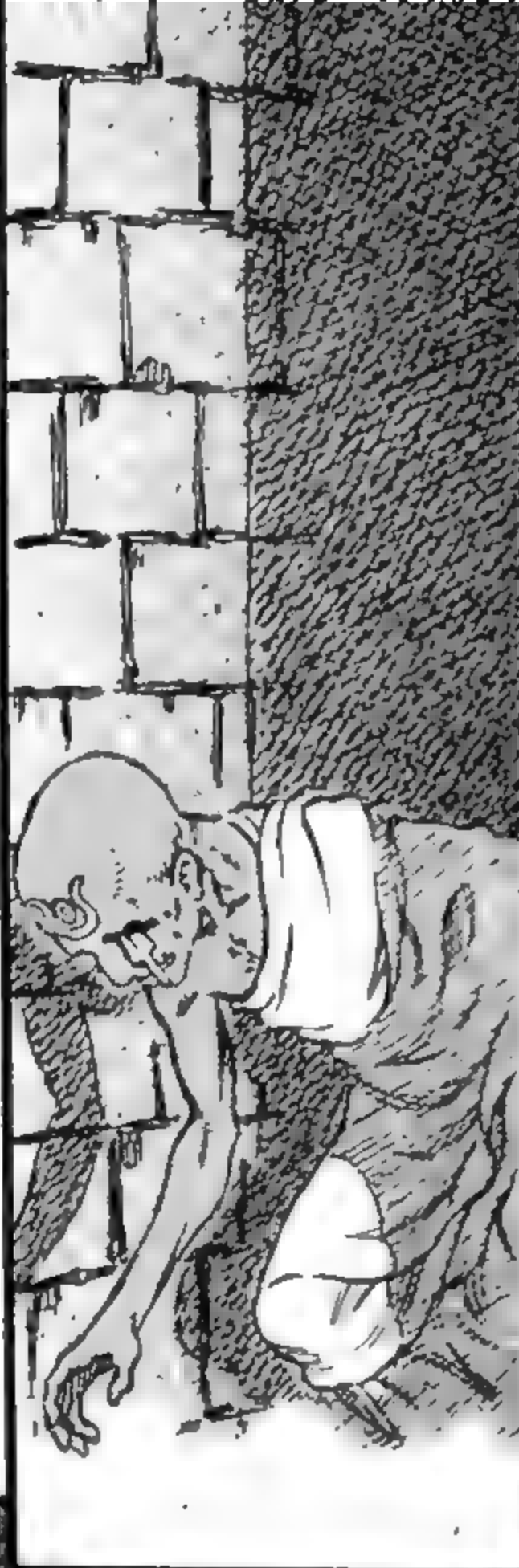


*NGEEEE



*FX: OOGEEE.





LET US
BE GOING,
THEN. IF
WE DELAY,
WE MAY BE
ATTACKED
BY
ENEMIES
AGAIN.

WE DID
THE
ATTACKIN'
THOUGH.



A-A WITCH
IN THE
FAMILY...

YOUR SISTER
AND HER
CREW ARE
INCREDI-
BLE.



TOOK
LONG
ENOUGH,
WITCH.

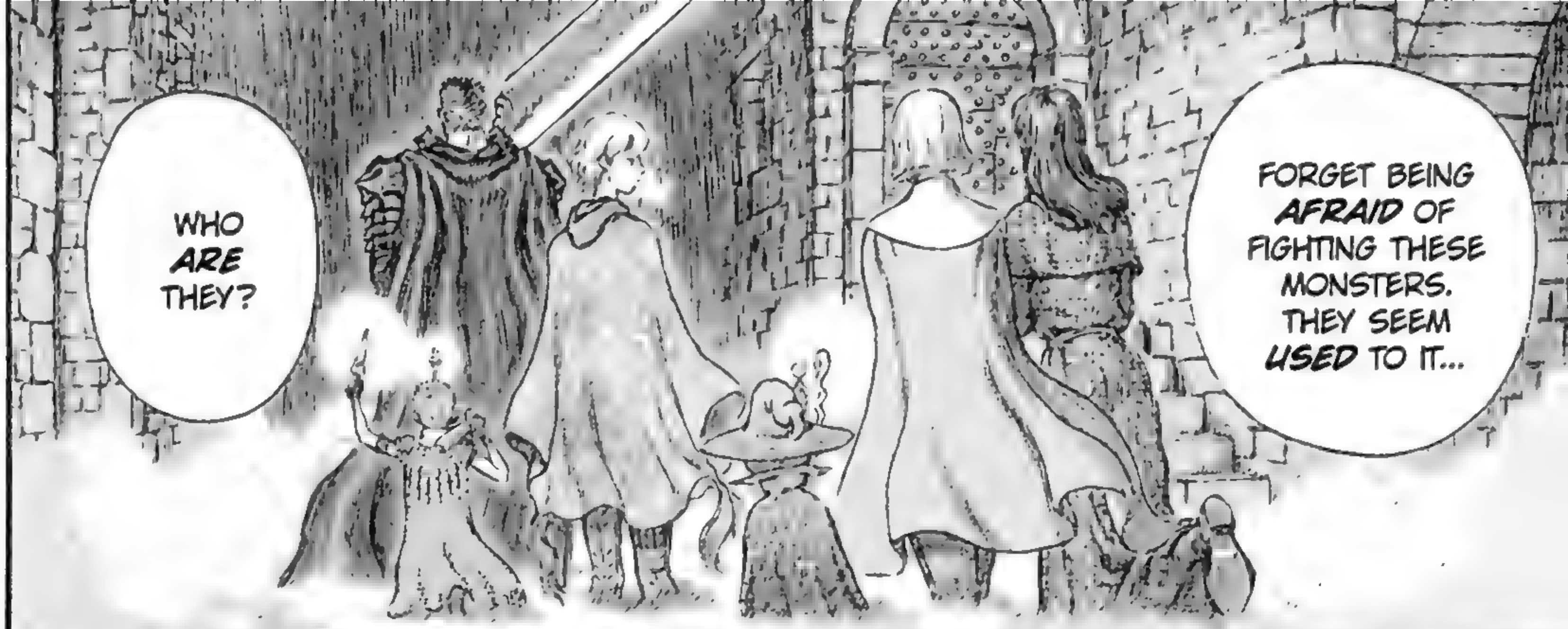
*HAHHH

*HAHHH

WE
NEARLY
FINISHED
THEM ALL
OFF,
THOUGH.

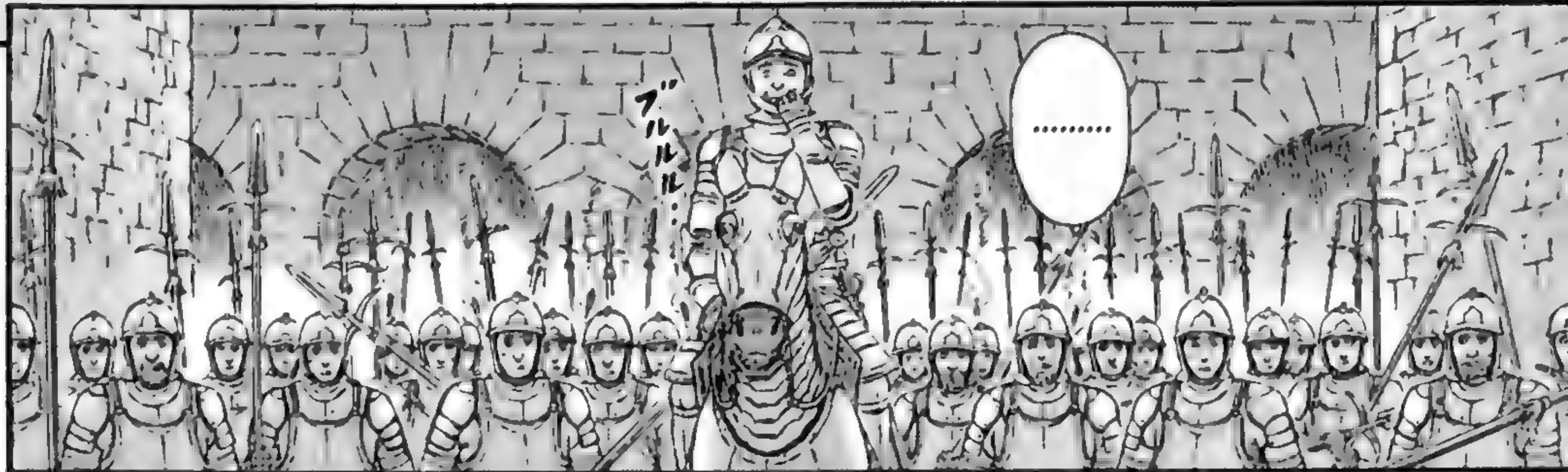
LET'S
GET
GOING.

*VSSHT



WHO ARE THEY?

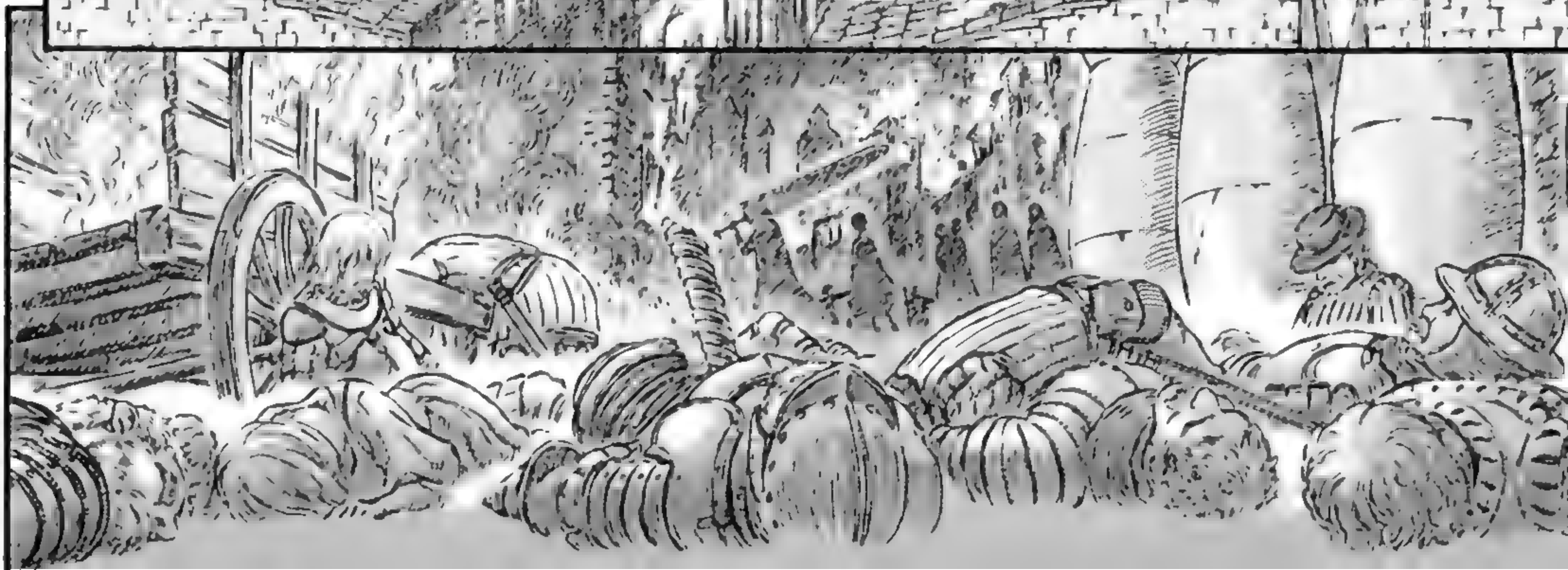
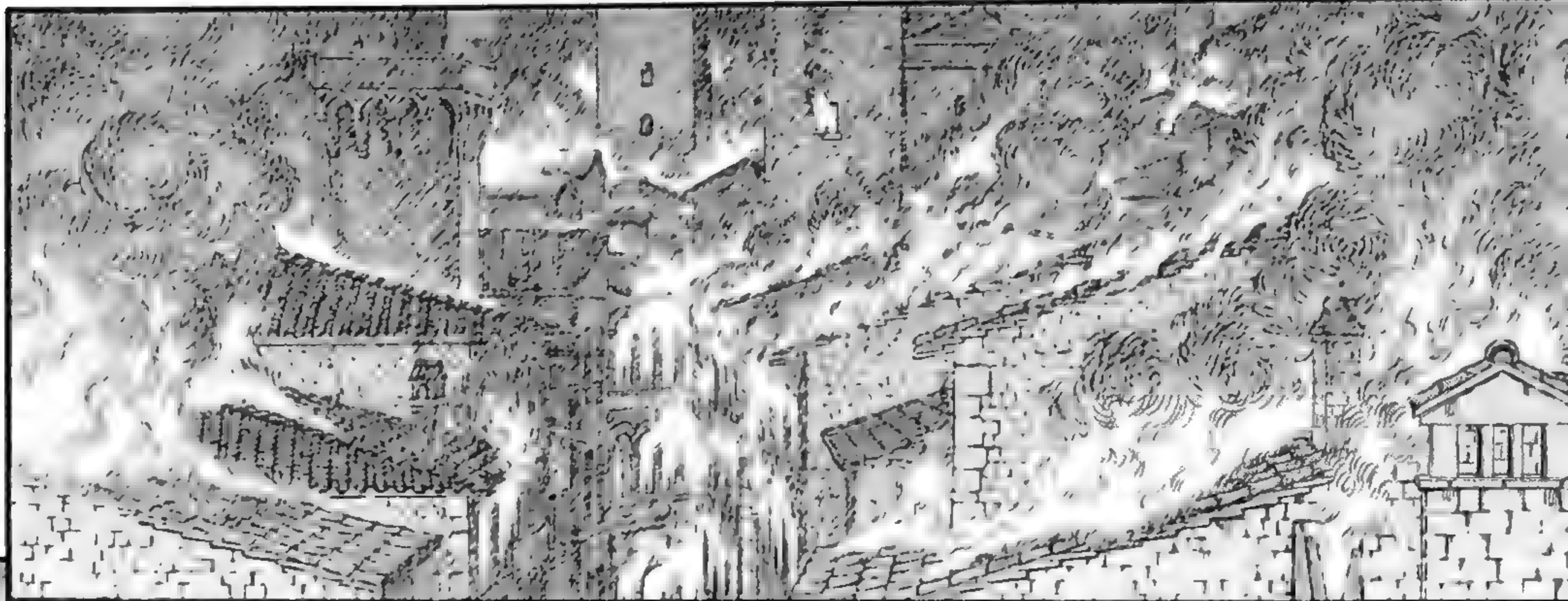
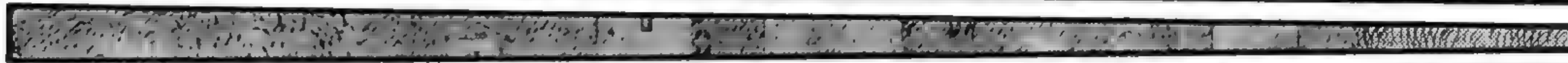
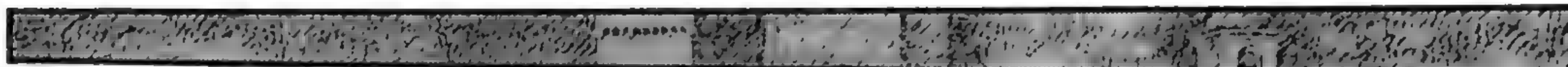
FORGET BEING AFRAID OF FIGHTING THESE MONSTERS. THEY SEEM USED TO IT...



フルル

.....

*FX BRHRHR









*BZH00000



*ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA



Allee!!

THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE, THEN.

WH-WHAT IS THAAAT ...?!

HOLY HELL, ANOTHER ONE!!

HANAGON!





...DO
YOUR
THING.

...IF IT
COMES
DOWN
TO IT...

BUT...



IT'S NO
PROB-
LEM.

B-BUT,
GLTS...!!

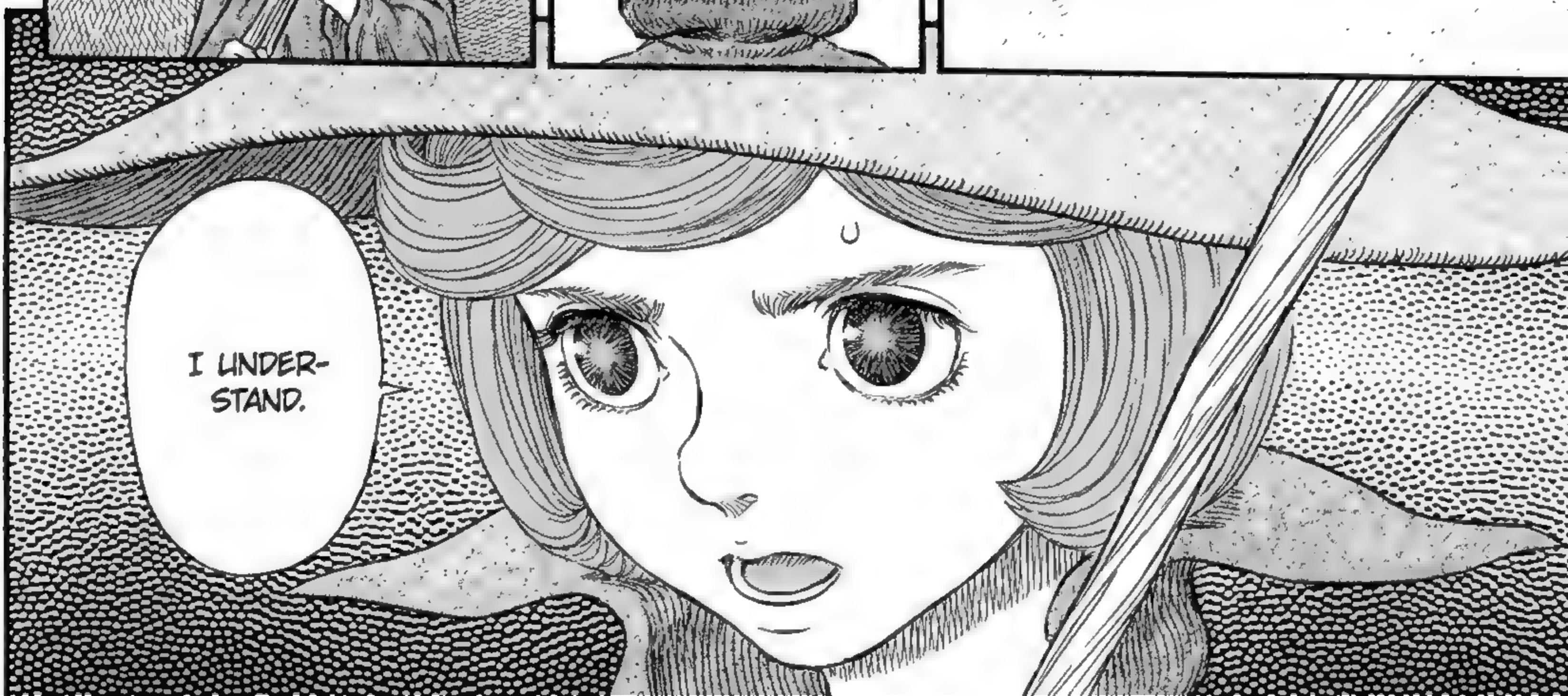


YOU TAKE
THE SMALL
ONES.
I'LL KILL THE
BIG ONE.

!

*GCHAK

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I UNDER-
STAND.



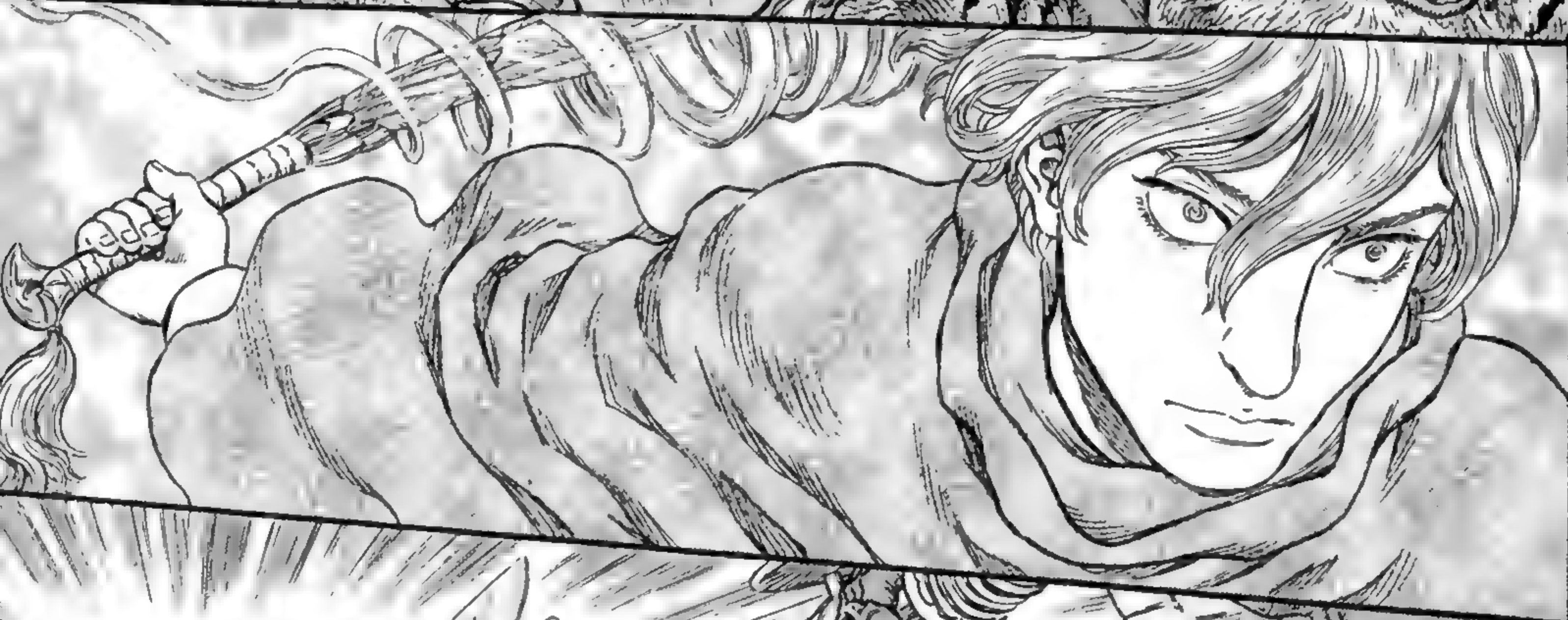
LET'S
GET
STARTED.

WELL...

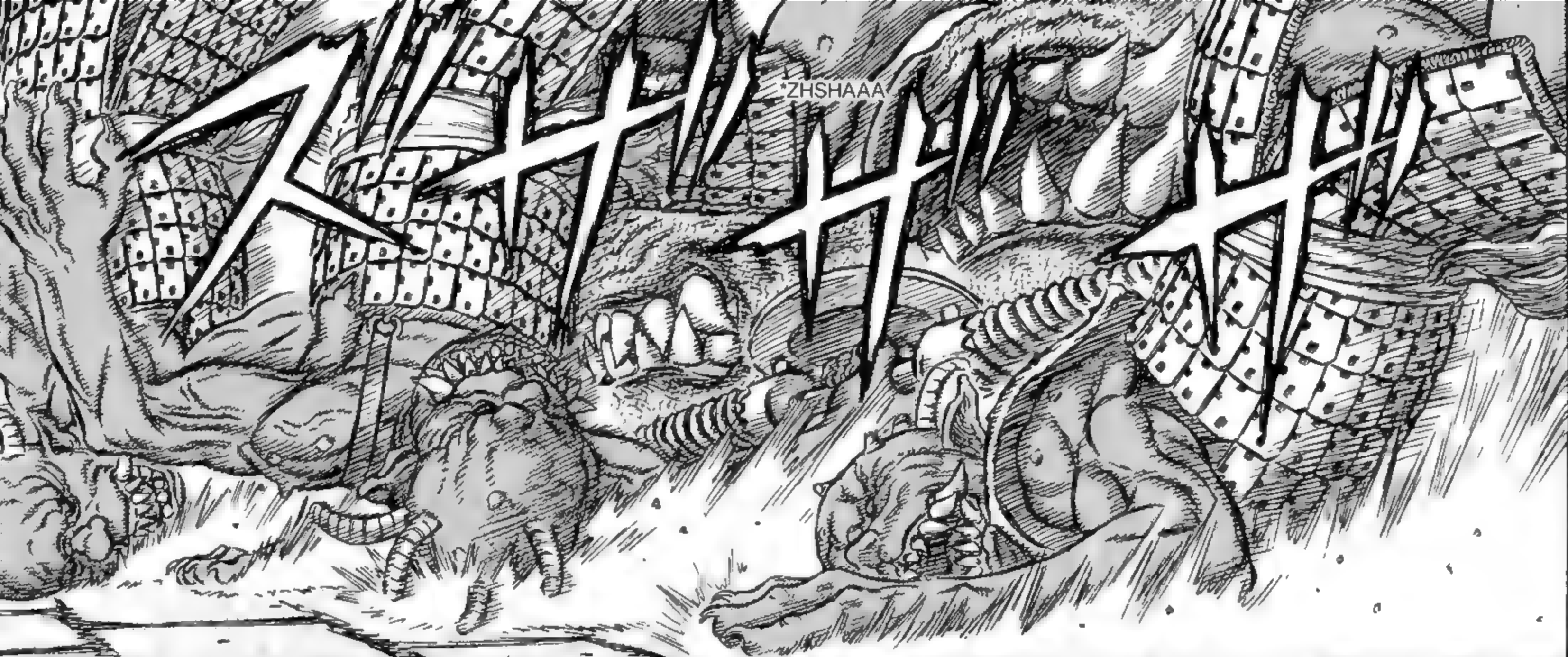
**CITY OF DEMON
BEASTS, PART 2**

妖獸都市②

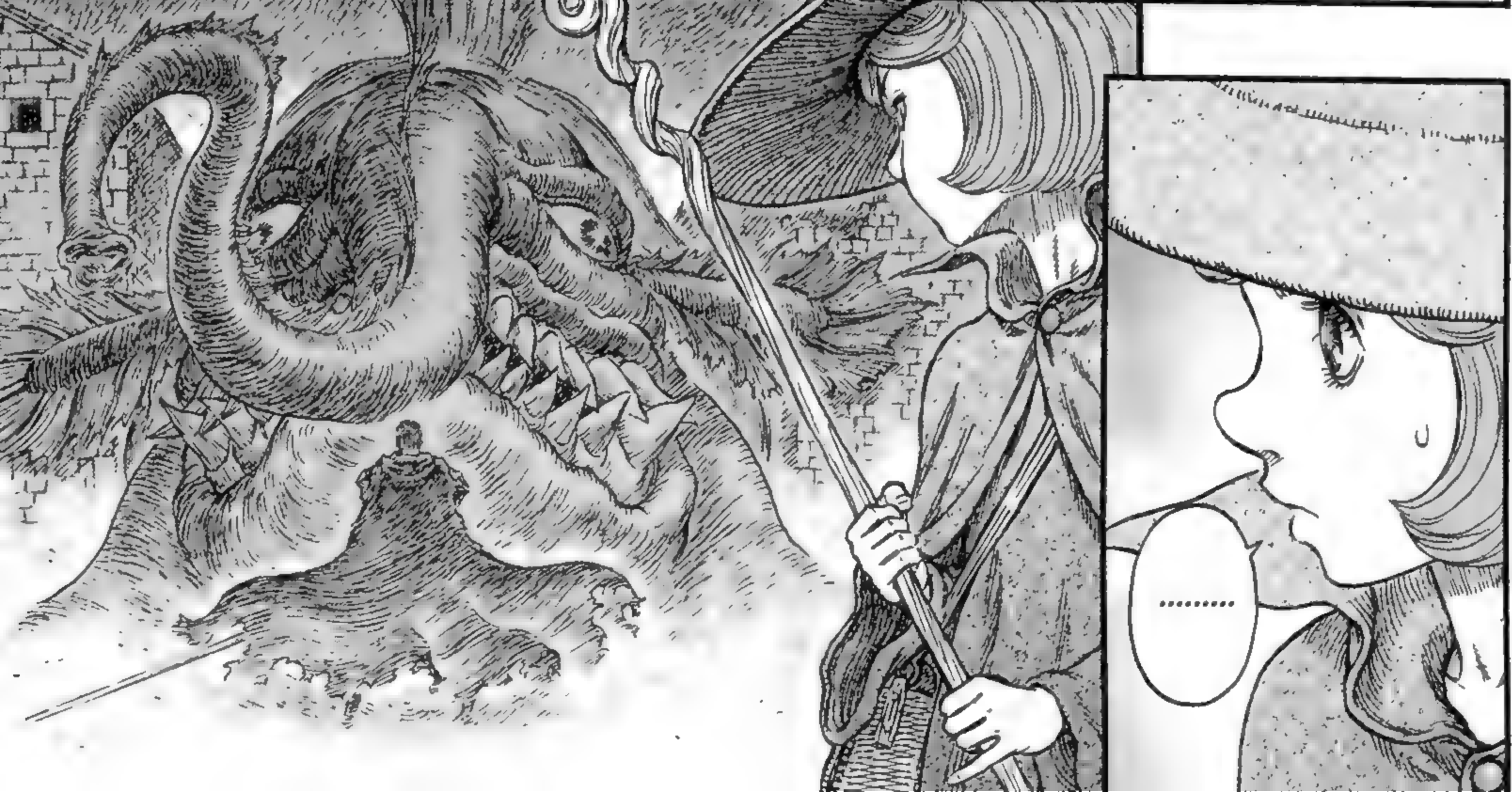
BERSERK















*ZHAA

*WHAMMM

*PLATCH

*BYARRR

*WHONG

*DSSSSH

*BRNN



EVEN IF
I GOT IN
CLOSE AND
CALLED ON
THIS...

THIS THING'S
OUTRAGEOUSLY
TOUGH AND
DENSE!

THOUGHT
SO!



*WHPAMM



*ZOOOSH

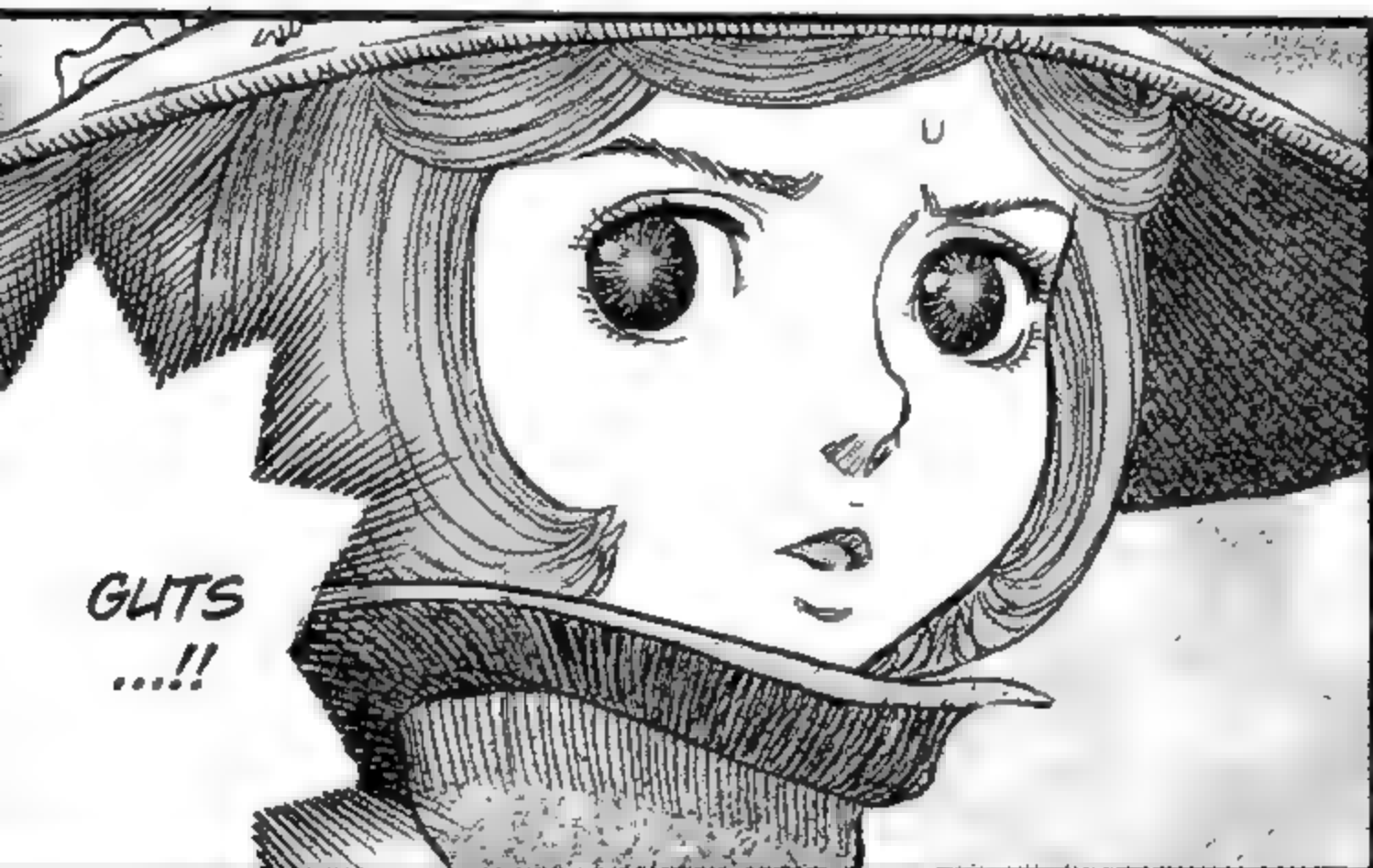
*CHAK

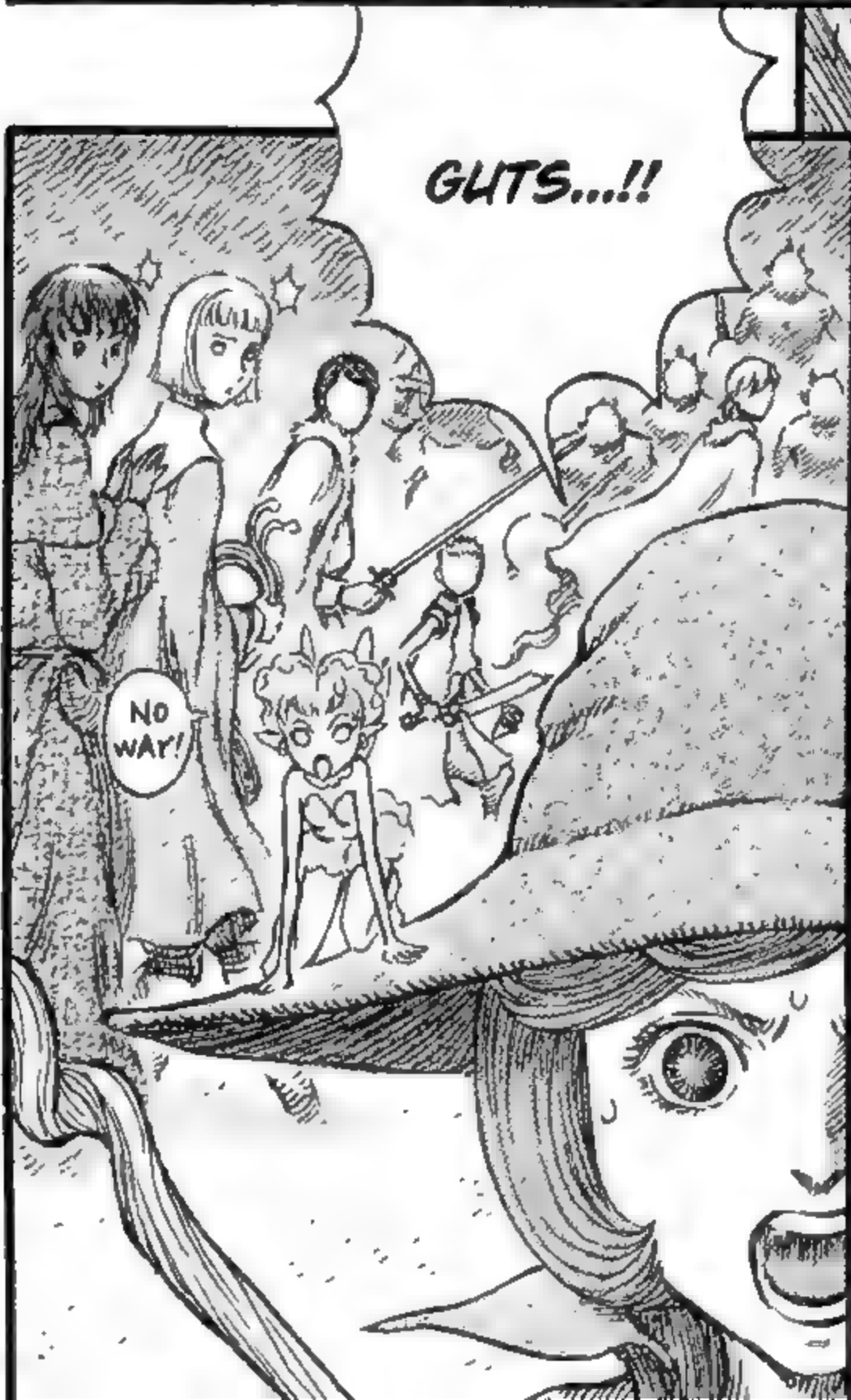
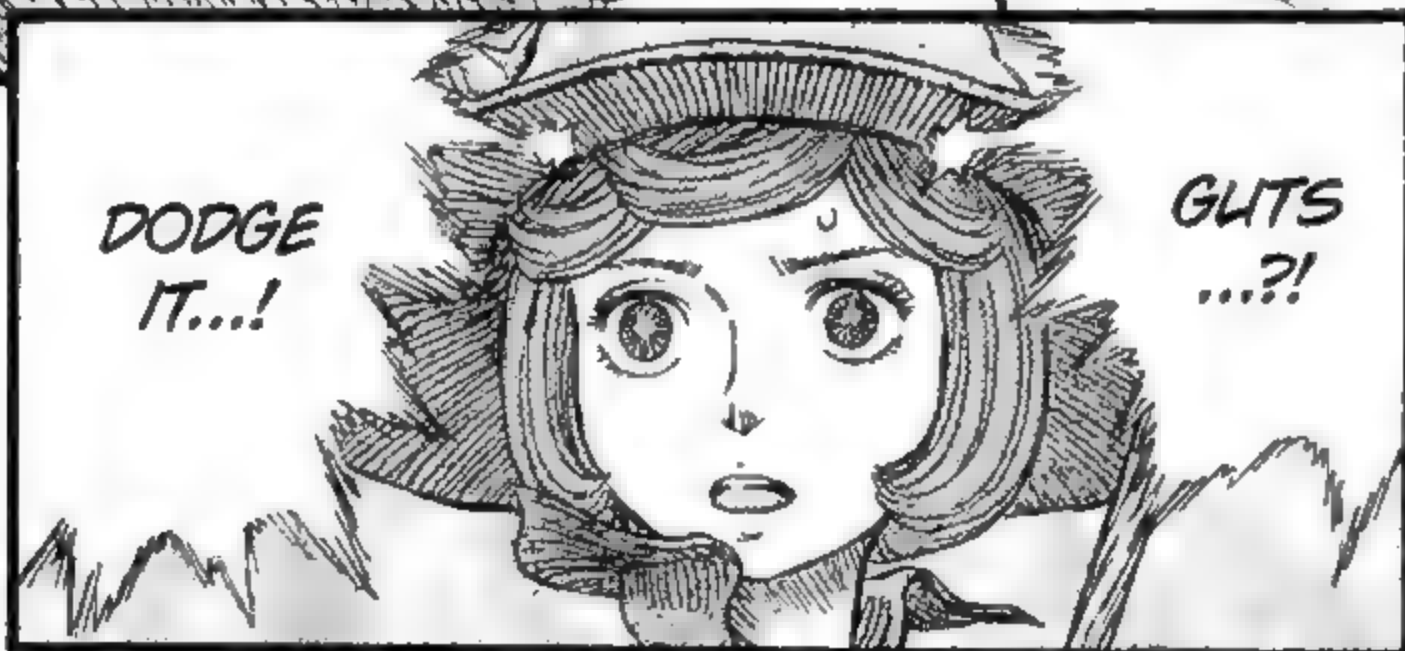
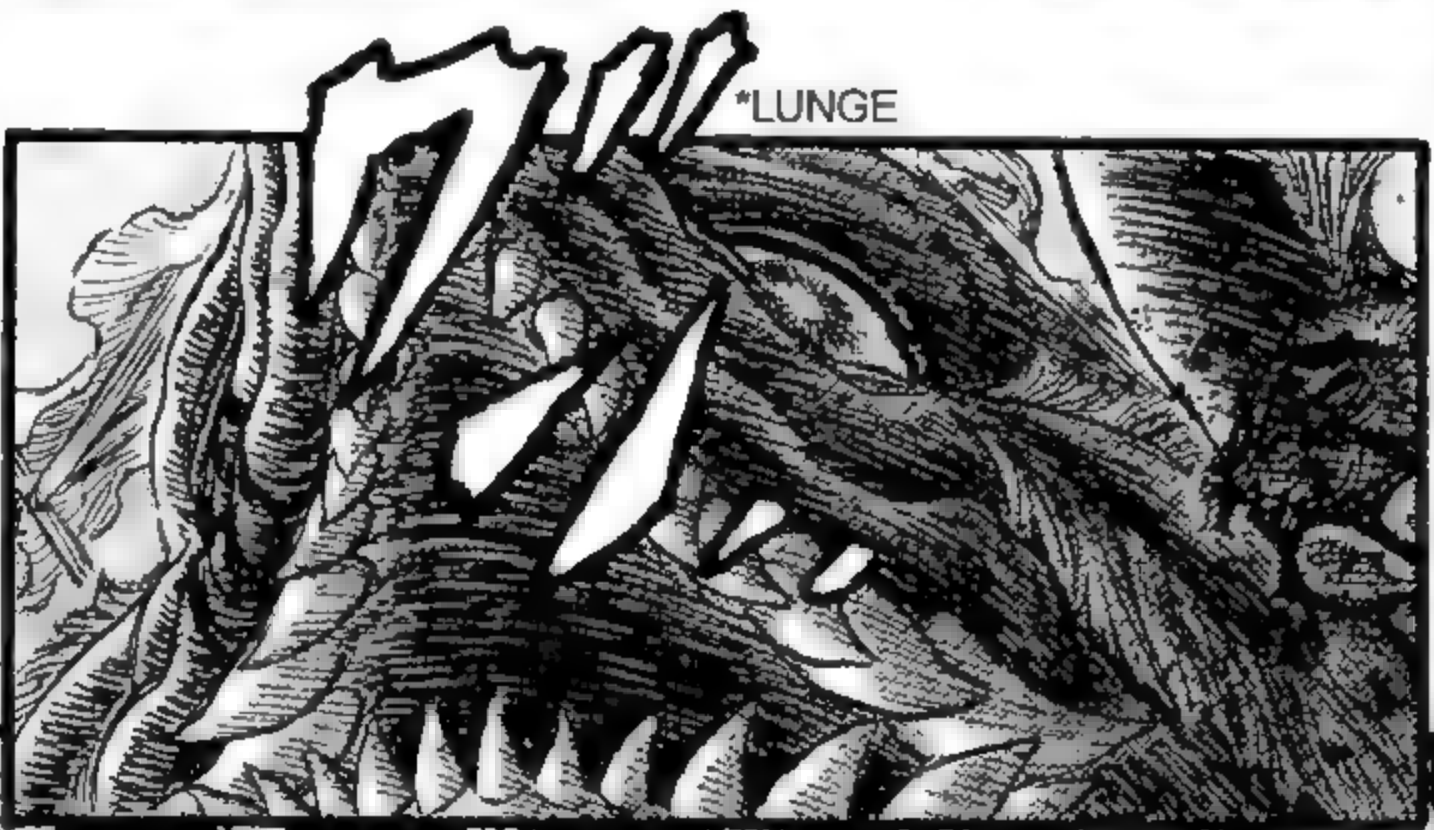


TCH!



STAY
DOWN....!!







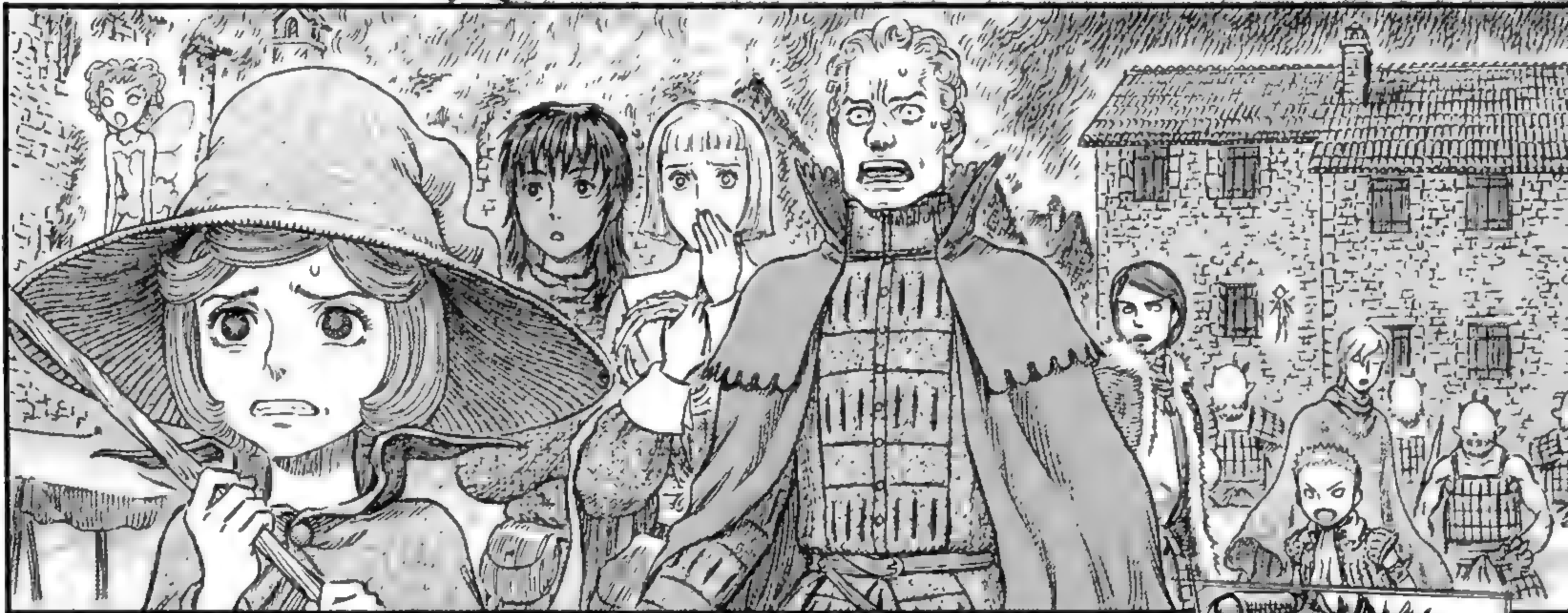


OH!
IN ORDER TO
CLIMB THE
STAIRS, HE
INTENTIONALLY
LET HIMSELF BE
ATTACKED AND
PUSHED INSIDE
THE BUILDING!







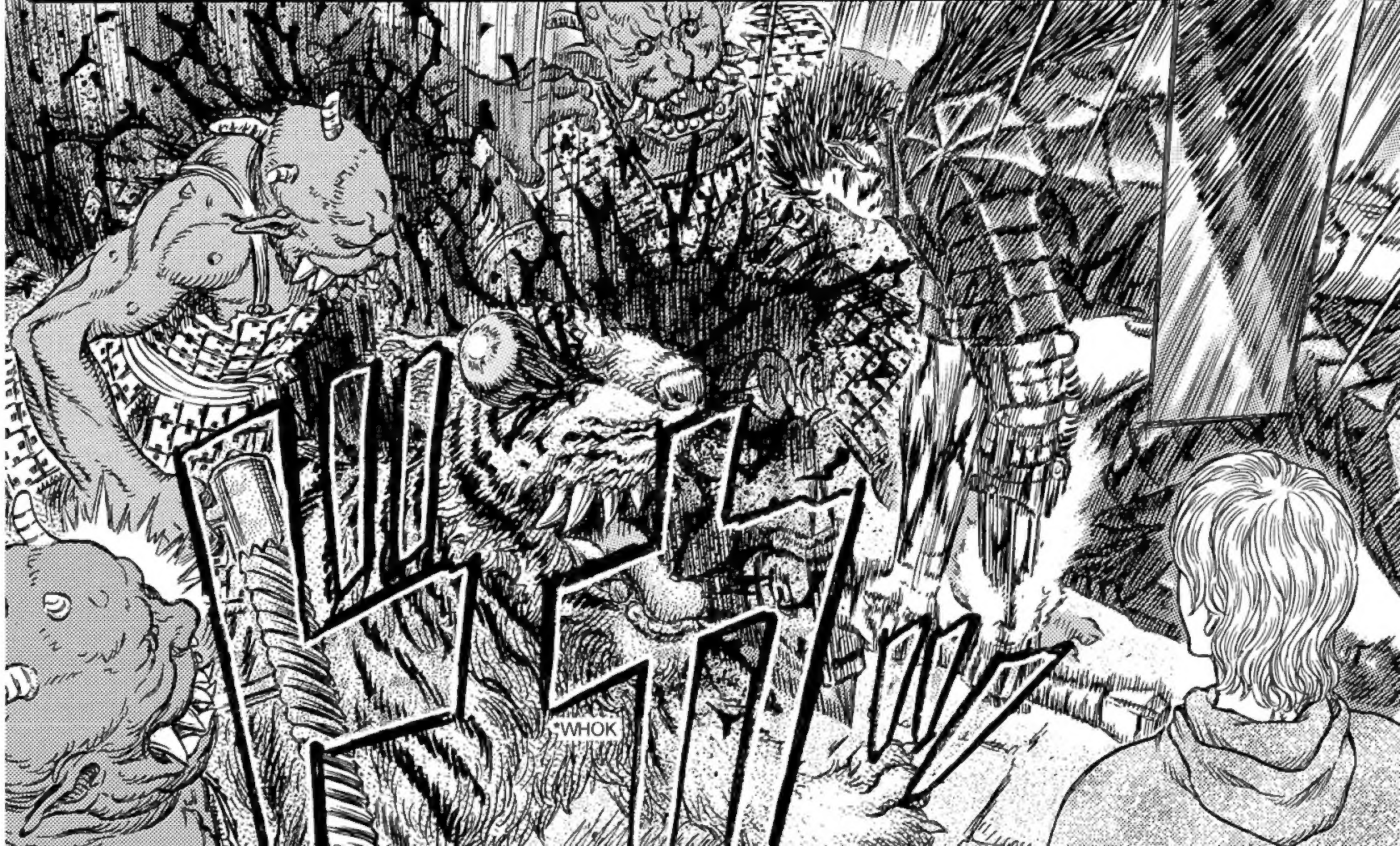
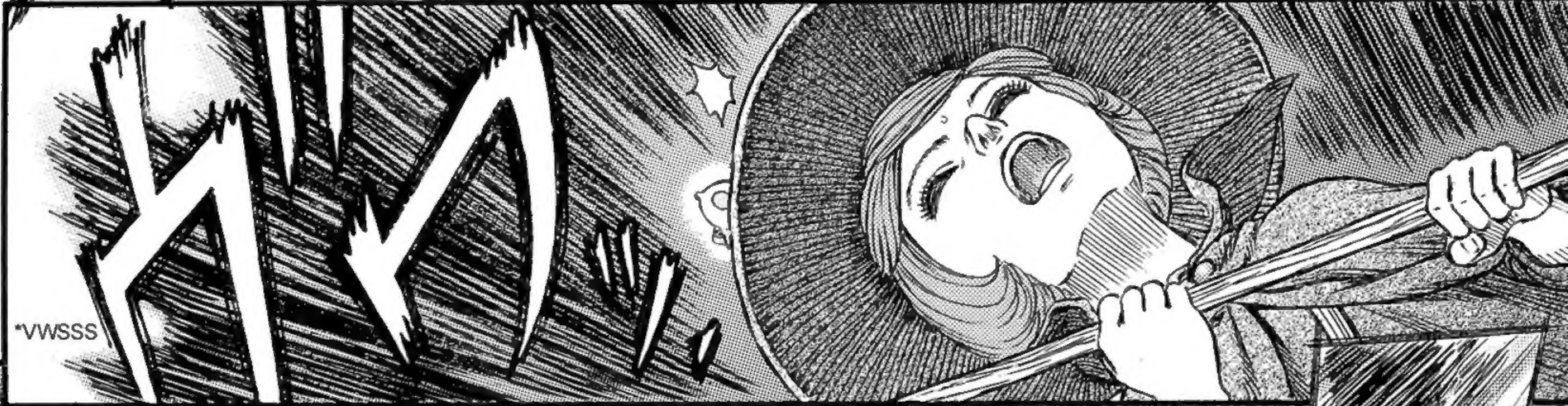




*WHOMP

*ZHNK

*GACHIK



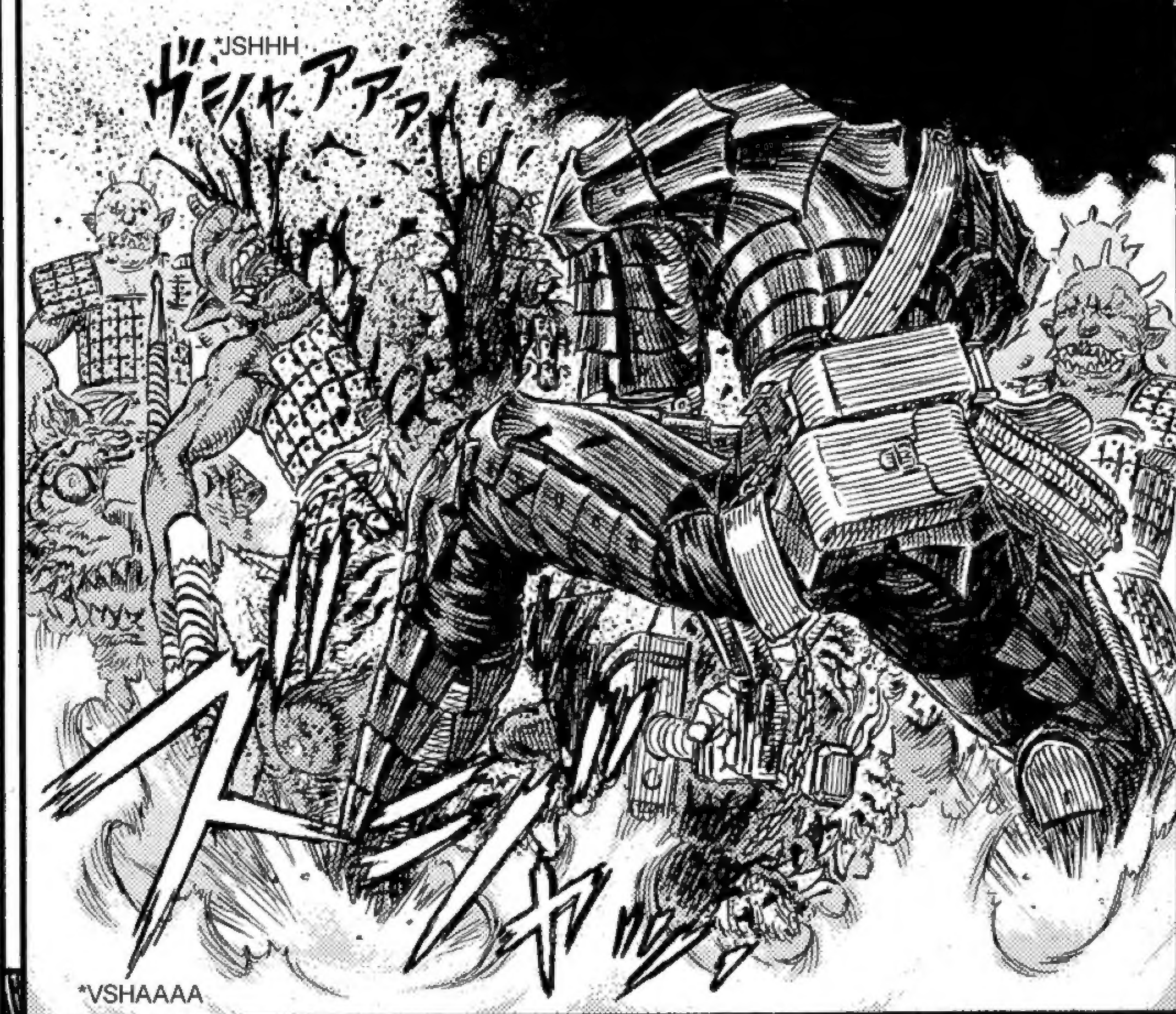


SOME
WOULD
SAY.

I-IS HE
A MON-
STER...?

RECK-
LESS
AS
EVER, I
SEE.

ALTHOUGH
FLYING IS
MY FORTE.



THE
SHIP'S
GONNA
BURN.

WE
AIN'T GOT
TIME FOR
THIS.



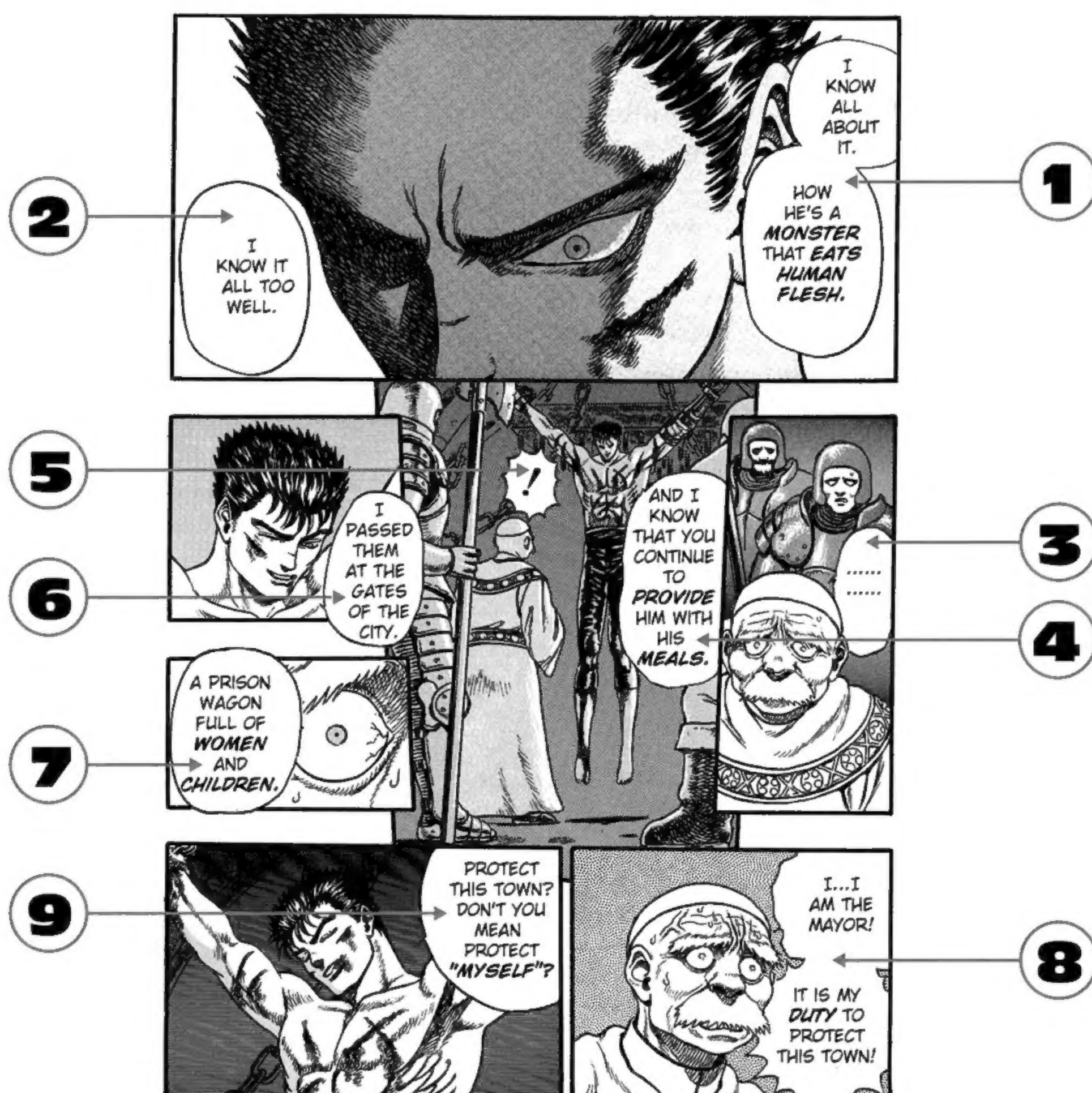
WE
GOTTA
WRAP
THIS UP
QUICK.

*ZHA

! STOP

This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

**KENTARO
MIURA**

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三浦建太郎

Thanks to Lady Farnese's selfless sacrifice, Guts the Black Swordsman and the rest of his companions are free to carry on their journey aboard the ship of Farnese's brother's friend Roderick—that is, if they're willing to leave Farnese behind. But having to choose between their mission and their loyalties might not be a problem for long if the Kushan emperor and his legion of monstrous minions have their way. With a host of Kushan forces descending on Vritannis, there might not be much left of Farnese's family—or any of the citizenry—to worry about!

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